

Cocaine linked to fatal accident

On November 23, the Avalanche published an article about an accident on I-75 north of Grayling that involved a school bus carrying members of the Cheboygan football team and coaches and a van driven by Richard Jamroz, 38, of Detroit. Jamroz's van struck the bus head-on, killing himself and his dog. At the time, Sheriff Dept. investigators suspected drugs had contributed to the accident.

On December 16 the Crawford County Sheriff Dept. released additional information on the accident, stating test results of Jamroz's blood and urine showed a high (toxic level) amount of cocaine and a small amount of marijuana. The tests showed no alcohol.

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Closing of airport postponed for 60 days

By Irene Pettyjohn

The Crawford County Transit Authority has decided to extend its operations of the McNamara Airport for 60 days while county commissioners try to negotiate a new joint use agreement with the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) and explore the availability of outside funding sources.

CCTA Director Dave Frederick said the airport was slated to close on January 1, 1992.

"The airport operates on a calendar year," he said. "When the county announced it was no longer going to fund the airport, there seemed to be no other option."

Frederick said Commissioners Den-

nis Long and Lee Riley, county representatives on the CCTA board, asked members of the board to postpone their decision to close the airport while they looked at ways of keeping the airport open year-round.

Even if the CCTA finds alternate funding sources to enable it to stay open, it does not mean aircraft will be able to fly out of or into the airport, because CCTA maintains that snow removal of the runways is not part of its operations.

"Plowing the runways is the responsibility of the Michigan Dept. of Military Affairs as operating agent of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," said Frederick. "They've been doing it for

the past three years." He said CCTA has extended the airport manager's position for 60 days, will keep the terminal open, and remove the snow from the tarmac in front of the new fuel tanks.

Camp Grayling Commander LTC Wayne Koppa said the DMA still recognizes the joint use agreements signed by the city of Grayling in 1966, even though the lease changed hands from the city to the county on October 30, 1972. In this agreement the city (now the county), agreed to:

"Remove snow from airfield taxi-ways and runways when civilian operations require an area greater than the present area of snow removal maintained by state for

use by the National Guard."

LTC Koppa said the DMA picked up the snow plowing, at a cost of about \$50,000 per year, three years ago when funding for such projects was more available. He said financial cutbacks make it impossible to justify the snow plowing expense, especially considering how little the National Guard uses the airport during the winter months.

The county's current lease with the DMA runs until 2003.

Long said he is optimistic the county and DMA can agree on a new joint use agreement that shares responsibility for snow removal at the airport.

"Normally it isn't the military's re-

sponsibility to help with any civilian operation on a day-to-day or season-to-season basis," said Long, "but we have a very peculiar situation in Crawford County. We've got an airport located on land that was given to the Federal government years ago, is used jointly and equally by both the military and civilians, in a county where about 75% of the land is owned by state and Federal government, which detracts from the county's ability to generate the same tax revenue from the land, if it were privately held."

"One reason the military is located here is because of the county's vast public land," Long continued. "We've got one of the best military facilities,

staffed by the best military personnel in the mid-west, demonstrated by its attraction by military units from surrounding states that train here. It would seem reasonable to me that Crawford County residents have a right to expect the military to take the lead in maintaining the airport."

Long said he believes the McNamara Airport is important to the growth of Crawford County and is committed to try to keep it open.

Captain James A. Mendham, of the Civil Air Patrol, advised CCTA board members at their December 11 board meeting that the Civil Air Patrol, a civilian volunteer group attached to

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Tough drunk driving laws begin throughout Michigan on Jan. 1st

Tough drunk driving laws will start January 1st, 1992, in Crawford County and Michigan.

With the new laws:

* Everyone arrested for drunk driving will have their license destroyed by the arresting officer.

* Fines will increase from \$100 to \$500 for the first offense.

* Fines will increase from \$500 to \$1000 for additional convictions.

* Drivers convicted of Operating Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs (OUIL or OUID) will receive a mini-

mum 30-day mandatory driver license suspension, even for the first offense.

* A second conviction of drunk driving will mean at least 48 hours of consecutive jail time or 10 days of community service.

Drunk driving is the number one violent crime committed in Michigan, as well as nationwide, according to the FBI. Research indicates that nearly half of all fatal motor vehicle crashes involve alcohol. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that over

250,000 men, women, and children have been killed in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes since 1980, and more than 650,000 people are injured each year because of drinking drivers.

In Michigan, a coalition of traffic safety advocates have been instrumental in the passage of a series of lifesaving anti-drunk driving bills. The new laws will strengthen penalties for drinking and driving, allowing for "swift and sure" removal of a drunk driver's license.

Now, drunk drivers will be

responsible for their own actions. Drivers convicted of Operating Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs (OUIL/OUID) will receive a minimum 30-day mandatory driver license suspension, without the possibility of a restricted license. Fines will increase from \$100 to \$500 for the first offense and for additional convictions, will increase from \$500 to \$1,000. The cost of getting your driver license back after a suspension has already increased from \$60 to \$125, and courts

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Home Christmas decorating contest winners announced

Eight winners in the Grayling Promotional Association's home Christmas decorating contest have been named with directions to see the bright displays.

Jack and Nita Millikin won first place with a display children and adults both will enjoy seeing. Many Crawford County residents have started a tradition of taking a tour of all the contest winners. Here are the winners and addresses. If you find the right road, most of the displays are easy to spot.

1st: Jack & Nita Millikin, 434 Millikin Rd.

2nd: William & Sherry Haag, 72W, 7 miles to Goose Creek Rd., 4th house.

3rd: Bob & Pam Terry, 72W to Danish Landing Rd. to Matilda Rd.

4th: Steve & Deanna Kirby, 2781 Grayling Ave. off M-93.

5th: Dawn Crowell, M72W 5 miles to Maybell Place, right.

6th: Jack & Sherry Harvey, Millikin Rd., 6th house on right.

7th: Doug & Cathy Herrmann, 601 Penticular.

8th: Paul & Deanne Thompson, 3304 Perring Ave. off Lake.

County budget tops \$3 million

By Irene Pettyjohn

For the third year in a row, Crawford County Commissioners are facing a tight budget for the new fiscal year.

Commissioners met on Wednesday, December 11, to discuss the proposed 1992 budget and to listen to public comment, but as usual, only a few residents attended.

Commissioner Loren Goodale and county treasurer Joseph Wakeley received the total reimbursement ex-

plained that nearly \$200,000 of the proposed budget's revenues are dependent on grant reimbursement. Two of those grants have not been approved by the legislature. These include \$26,000 for secondary road patrol for the Sheriff Dept., which the county has been told is a "relative sure thing" and \$34,200 for salaries of central dispatch operators. If central dispatch receives the total reimbursement ex-

pected, Wakeley said the county intends to hire two additional part-time employees in 1992.

Other grant reimbursement programs totalling another \$132,000 include the Crime Victims and Cooperative Reimbursement programs with the County Prosecutor's office, marine patrol reimbursement with the Sheriff Dept., and a 511 Community Corrections grant with the Dept. of

Corrections.

Wakeley said the state can pull the plug on these programs anytime, "there are no guarantees." If these funds are cut or reduced, he said the county will have to review the budget to determine what level of funding, if any, can be absorbed by the General Fund.

If funding for secondary road patrol and central dispatch programs is not approved, Wakeley said the county

will have to make changes to these two programs immediately.

The most notable change in the 1992 budget is the absence of the .30 mill to pay for construction of the County Building. Wakeley said there is enough money in the building authority to pay off the bonds. The .30 mills is equal to about \$62,000 per year.

Central dispatch appropriations appear to have more than doubled in

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County proposes spraying 10,065 acres to curtail Gypsy moth

With the Gypsy moth population expected to increase in Crawford County in 1992, the county is coordinating a spraying program for next spring.

Howard Taylor, the Crawford County Gypsy Moth coordinator, said if Gypsy moth were a problem for you last summer, there are two things that you need to be aware of: the time to do something to control the caterpillars is now; and you haven't seen anything

yet! The Egg Mass Survey for Crawford County has been completed and according to the findings of that survey, the caterpillar population throughout the county will far surpass that of last year, he said.

Last year, Crawford County had a spray program which treated 1056 acres in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Agriculture. This year, Crawford County Coordinator has submitted a proposal to the MDA that

10,065 acres of forest land in Crawford County be treated for Gypsy Moth Control. That proposal was submitted after an on-site survey of more than 16,000 acres. Copies of the spray blocks submitted to the Department of Agriculture are in the hands of the various Crawford County Township

Supervisors.

To find out if you are included in a proposed spray block, please call your township supervisor. Even though you may be included in a proposed spray block, this does not necessarily mean that you will be included in the spray program. Spray blocks must be

approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, The Department of Natural Resources, and the Environmental Protection Agency before they are approved for cost-shared spraying.

Those residents whose property eventually ends up in an approved

spray block may be asked by their township to contribute financially to the program, depending upon the program established by the individual townships.

For those residents whose property is not included in a proposed spray block, this does not mean that you cannot be included in the spray program, said Taylor. It simply means that: 100% of the cost of the spraying will have to be born by the property owners; and it is the responsibility of the individual property owner to enter his property into the spray program.

To assist property owners with the

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LIGHTS OF LOVE--All heads turned toward the Christmas tree in front of Mercy Hospital when more than 600 lights brightened the night Friday. Elementary students sang Christmas carols at the tree-lighting ceremony. The Mercy Auxiliary raised more than \$3,500 with the Lights of Love and proceeds go to renovate the Mercy Hospital Child Care Center. Each light on the tree represents a person honored through a Light of Love donation.

Avalanche publishing on Mondays for holidays

The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Monday, December 23, before Christmas, and on Monday, December 30, before New Year's Day. With both holidays falling on Wednesday, the Avalanche is moving its publication day up to Monday both those weeks so newstand buyers and our local mail subscribers will receive issues before the holidays.

The deadline to turn in community news will be noon Thursday, December 19, for the December 23rd issue. The deadline for classified ads will be noon Friday, December 20, for the December 23rd issue. All other advertising needs to be in our

office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, for the December 23rd issue.

The deadline to turn in community news will be 5 p.m. Thursday, December 26, for the December 30th issue. The deadline for classified ads will be noon Friday, December 27, for the December 30th issue. All other advertising needs to be in our

office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 26, for the December 30th issue.

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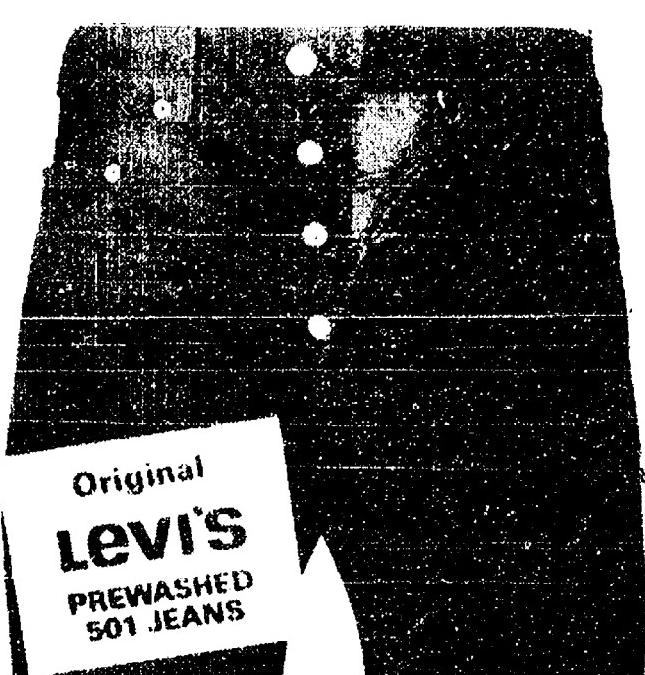
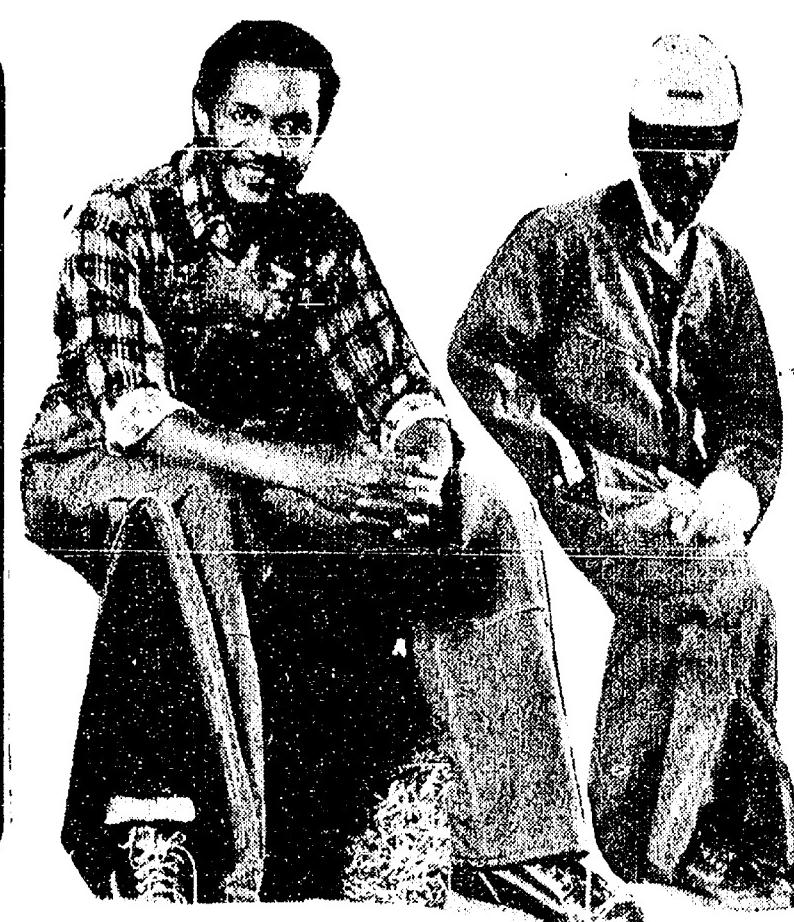
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CHRISTMAS DONATION—Chemical Bank North's Vice President and Cashier, Elaine Siwula, is shown presenting a check to the Grayling Business & Professional Women's Club President, Sue Swalec. This donation is to help support the Community Christmas Basket Project that benefits approximately 160 families in Crawford County at Christmastime. Shown below are BPW club members and Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church women joining forces to wrap the donated toys for the baskets.



District Court

Lori Ann Vaughn, 24, of Grayling, plead no contest to a charge of Larceny Under \$100, and was fined \$155 or 14 days. She was cited May 1, 1991, by the City Police Dept.

Jonathan Dean Green, 28, of Big Rapids, plead guilty to a charge of Disorderly Person — City Ordinance #4, and was fined \$155 or 14 days. He was cited September 29, 1991, by the City Police Dept.

Victoria L. Robinson, 28, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of Attempted NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$85 or ten days. She was cited May 27, 1991, by the City Police Dept.

Thomas Howe Barnard, 20, of East Lansing, plead guilty to a charge of Retail Fraud 2nd Degree, and was fined \$155 or 14 days, plus placed on two years probation. He was cited November 18, 1991.

Clarcie E. Haist, 71, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of Attempted Retail Fraud 2nd Degree, and was placed on six months probation. He was cited October 1, 1991, by the City Police Dept.

Scott Duane Beardslee, 26, of Roscommon, was sentenced on a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$525 or 60 days, plus his license

was suspended 90 days. He was cited August 3, 1991, by the Sheriff Dept.

George Phillip Heacock, III, 25, of Roscommon, plead guilty to a charge of OUIL, and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, plus his license was suspended nine months. He was cited August 30, 1991, by the Sheriff Dept.

Donn Francis Hutchins, 41, of Waterford, plead guilty to a charge of OUIL, and was fined \$625 or 60 days, ordered to pay \$31 restitution, plus his license was suspended nine months. He was cited September 20, 1991, by the Sheriff Dept.

Michael Paul Soltis, 21, demanded a preliminary exam to a charge of Escape Prison. No bond was set as he is a state prisoner.

Donna Elson, 33, of Frederic, was bound over to Circuit Court on charges of I-Welfare Fraud Over \$500, and II-Failure To Inform Over \$500. A \$2,500 personal bond was set.

Ruth Robinson, 48, of Frederic, was bound over to Circuit Court on charges of I-Welfare Fraud Over \$500, and II-Failure To Inform Over \$500. A \$5,000 personal bond was set.

Christopher Alan Cross, 32, was bound over to Circuit Court on a charge of Prisoner In Possession Of Contraband. No bond was set as he is a state prisoner.

City police investigate 8 larceny complaints

The Grayling City Police Dept. responded to 60 complaints during the week of December 9 through December 15.

Eight larceny complaints were investigated as were eight check law violations (bad checks). Patrolmen assisted six motorists and responded

to three property damage automobile accidents.

Residents are reminded not to park their vehicles on the downtown streets between the hours of 3 and 6 a.m. to allow for snow plowing. Tickets will be issued to those who fail to comply with this city ordinance.

Traffic accidents increase with winter conditions

The Crawford County Sheriff Dept. responded to 60 complaints during the week of December 7 through December 15.

Four breaking and entering (B & E) complaints were investigated and three larcenies were reported. Officers also investigated three cases of driving while under the influence of liquor, O.U.I.L.

Local Weather

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Rain	Snow on ground
12/10	44	26		2
12/11	45	29		1
12/12	52	19		1
12/13	30	34		trace
12/14	31	21		
12/15	20	13		7
12/16	20	-2		10
12/17		5		10

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake:

Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of snow showers, the high will be in the teens and the low 10 to 15. Thursday will be partly sunny with little or no precipitation, the high will be in the mid 20s and the low 5 to 10. Friday will be warming into the 30s with no precipitation, the low will be in the 20s. There will be a chance of rain or snow on Saturday with the high in the mid 30s and the low in the mid 20s.

Miss Grayling tickets go on sale Dec. 23

Tickets for the Miss Grayling Pageant January 11 will go on sale Monday, December 23. All seats are reserved and will cost \$5. The tickets are pre-numbered for seat assignments.

Correction

Last week's article entitled, "Two Families Lose Home to Early Morning Fire," listed the victims of the fire incorrectly. The article should have listed the victims as Ronald and Gail Ray and their daughter and Ken and Dawn Minard, Jr. and their daughter and son.

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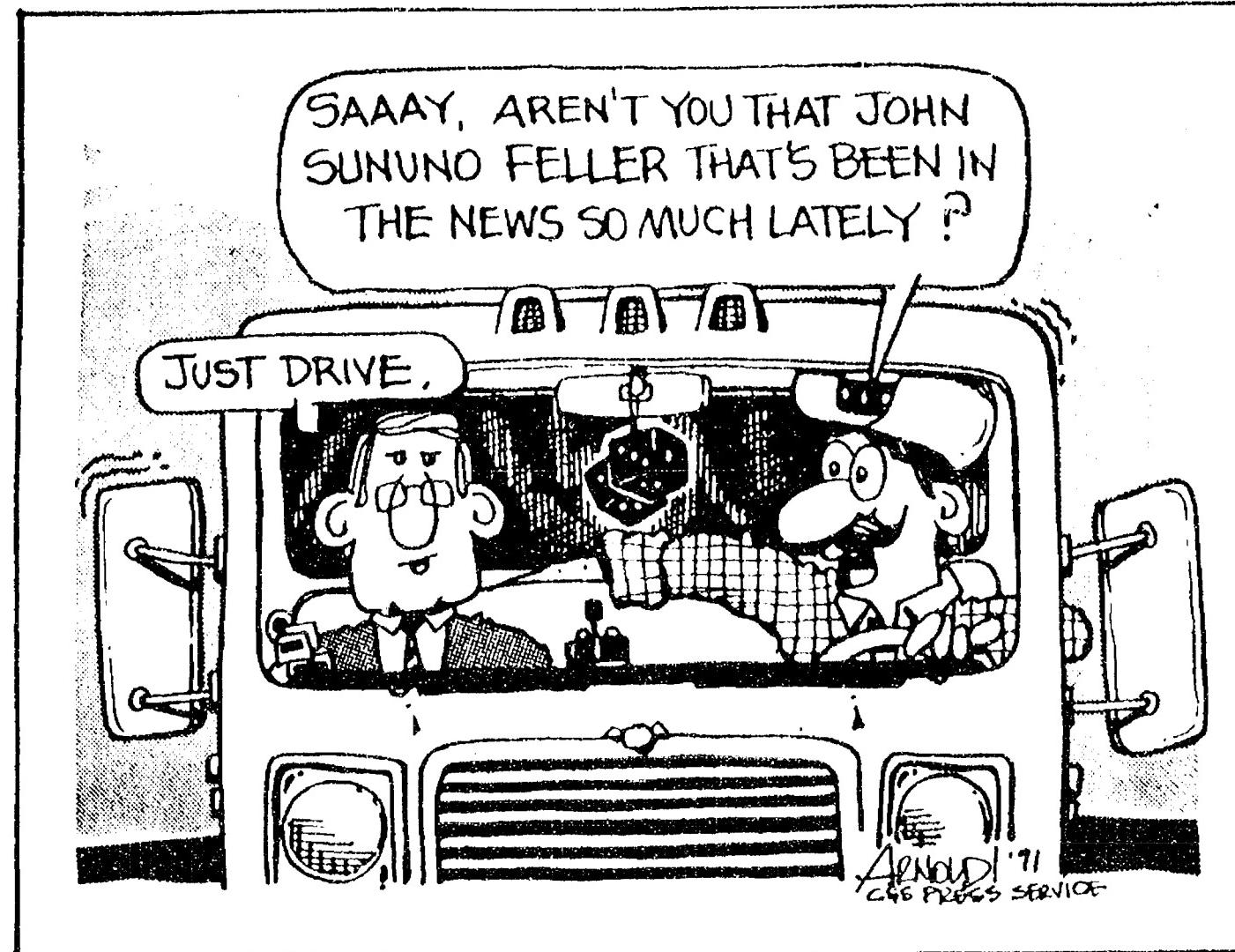
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Almanack

Richard Milliman

A tax by any other name . . .

IF MICHIGAN RESIDENTS are ordered to pay some \$23 million more in their own funds to the state, is that a tax increase?

Well, no, claims Gov. John Engler and Republicans who have proposed raising fees for various state services to produce that amount of new revenue.

Well, yes, counter legislative Democrats, claiming that hiking fees on everything from traffic tickets to local telephone bills is really raising taxes.

"There's a very definite difference," said Patti Woodworth, state budget director. "With fee increases, the revenue that is raised directly benefits the people paying the fees."

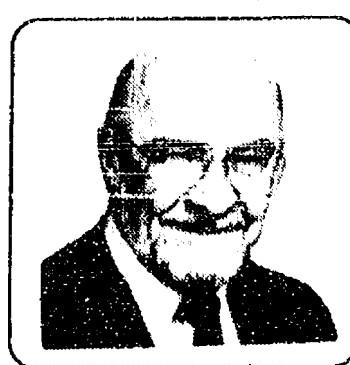
"A fee is a fee is a tax," said Rep. Morris Hood, Detroit Democrat. Another Democrat, Rep. Lynn Jondahl of Okemos, House tax committee chair, said for Mr. Engler to propose the said fee-hike program is "at least ironic, if not hypocritical."

Either way, Michigan taxpayers will be expected to part with another \$23 million of their money, no matter whether it's called a tax increase or only a fee increase.

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PLAYING WITH WORDS — Meanwhile, out in Seattle, the Defense Department received an award from a citizens group, which probably is newsworthy in itself.

The annual "Doublepeak Award" was presented to the defense folks by the National Conference of Teachers of English.



Bush may face political trouble. If further proof is needed, check a recent editorial comment by *The Detroit News*, "The sight of the President going off the golf course Friday in the wake of a major stock market tremor, proclaiming that all was well, was positively Hoover-esque," wrote the News.

Wise political observers can downplay the polls as ill-based or transitional; but when a bastion of economic and political conservatism such as *The Detroit News* compares Mr. Bush to Herbert Hoover, Bush supporters should take note. All is not rosy for Kennebunkport's favorite son.

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NUTS AND JOLTS — Some column closing Nuts & Jolts from Hod Shewell . . .

—About the only foreign entanglement that makes any sense is Italian spaghetti.

—It's easy to spot a new tie.

—A predecessor is a guy who never did anything right.

—Garbage truck drivers never gripe about business . . . it's always picking up.

—Why is it that most of the great TV and movie performers don't know how to act in public.

—The difference between "partly cloudy" and "partly sunny" is whether you're a pessimist or an optimist.

Letters to the Editor

Community supports 'Coats for Kids'

I would like to thank the following people and businesses for making the "Coats for Kids" program a terrific success:

First of all, the community donors

whose unceasing commitment to help their fellow man was again attested to by the nearly 1,000 coats received;

To WKLT in Kalkaska for its most effective promotion of the program;

To Glen's Supermarket for serving as the collection point in Crawford County;

To the staff at the Avalanche for storing and displaying the coats, hats, gloves, etc.;

To Nancy Lemmen whose article in the Avalanche stimulated interest in such a program;

To Rose Ames from K-Mart who has been promoting a coats program for the past few years.

May the holiday season be joyous for all!

Mike Thomas
Gaylord/Grayling

Robert A. Porter, Director
Crawford County Dept. of Social Services

Reader says taxpayers taken to the wood shed

Your recent article in 11-27-91 edition sounds like a plot between Lobsinger and Smock to form another non-profit corporation!

The Crawford County taxpayers have once again been taken to the woodshed, only this time they took man's best friend with them.

Set aside the fact that two animal control officers will be laid off and, by volunteering, Lobsinger will now return, but not as the assistant, but the head person.

It more and more sounds like a conspiracy to dump Marge Mathew,

because if Lobsinger was truly interested in the dog shelter she would be volunteering all along.

Mike Thomas
Gaylord/Grayling

Opinions

Let's Talk About It

By Joe Murphy



The holiday season is fast approaching, though I know many children would argue that fact with me.

To a child these last few days before Santa's visit seem to last forever. I know the older ones are looking forward to that long vacation from school. In fact, many people are looking ahead to the family being together again. All in all I think Christmas is one of the very best times of year for many reasons.

The Avalanche does not print baby pictures with birth announcements.

Wedding anniversary announcements or photographs for the 25th, 50th, and every five years after the 50th may be published without charge. Wedding anniversary announcements for other years may be placed in the Avalanche at our regular advertising space rate.

College graduation announcements, with or without photographs, will be published at no charge.

Thank you notes and memorials published in the Avalanche are charged \$2.30 for 20 words and ten cents a word for each additional word.

Other community news of interest may be submitted for consideration of publication. Please submit items double spaced on 8 1/2" X 11" sheets of paper. Color or black and white photographs are acceptable.

Editor's Quote Book

Kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve.

Joseph Joubert



television set where you can tell the dog to shut up and be king of the roost. Do you really think a woman would come up with this idea or a man?

And how about the poor clerks at video check-out counters? They have to try to answer dozens of the same questions each day and night. Try answering "Is *Hulk Hogan Meets Terminator III* a good movie or a bad movie?" asked by a grandmother and an 18-year-old body builder at the same time.

"Well, if you like ..." the clerk begins. Diplomacy at its best, I say.

What helps me out with movie selections are those 30-second promotions on televisions about new movie releases. For some of those movies, all you have to do is watch the 30-second promotion and you've got the gist of the show. You don't even have to watch the entire movie now.

So, on that snowy November night, it took me an hour and a half with visits to three stores before I finally decided on a movie. I went home to a cold dinner feeling good about the wonderful movie we were going to see until I heard those words a video shopper hates to hear — "WE ALREADY SAW IT!"

Northern Views

By Jon Thompson

It was a snowy November night — the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The house was warm and comfortable, protected from the hard west wind blowing outside.

It was a perfect night to rent a movie video to watch at home. "Good God It's Saturday" shows were on television and we weren't in the mood to see Goldie Hawn in a show playing at the Rialto Theatre.

"Honey, how about you going to town to rent the video movie *Robin Hood*?"

My wife looked up at me. She was reading a book, curled up in a blanket with slippers and a warm housecoat on. I had just come in from outside, all dressed for the cold outdoors.

"Why don't you go to town?" she asked.

That sort of made sense, didn't it, I thought to myself.

But I was covered with bark and dirt from hauling wood all day. I didn't want to get cleaned up to go to town. I hate having to look in a mirror on my day off.

"You always like to go to town, why don't you go sweetheart?" I said.

"You go to town and I'll fix dinner," she suggested.

Let me see here, I thought. If I still want her to go to town then I'll

have to —

"I'll only be gone a few minutes," I said.

This would be easy. We already knew what movie we wanted. Not one of us had already seen Robin Hood. So we didn't have to go through the half-hour selection process at the store.

Whoops. Saturday night. Holiday weekend. "Like right, sure. You really expect Robin Hood not to be sold out tonight," the young clerk told me.

I was starting on my video movie education, far behind most others.

In the next store I stood in the aisles dodging people and sweating in my winter coat trying to find an alternate movie for my family of four. Although there seemed to be hundreds of selections, you could throw out half of them if you didn't want to watch dozens of people being shot.

The first thing people tried to teach me was to grab as many video covers as you can while trying to make a selection. If you carry them around with you, then someone else can't see them and choose them as you're trying to decide.

A good thing to learn is that most video places divide movies into a lot of categories — a few popular ones are action, comedy, and latest releases.

I also wonder if it was a man who came up with this idea of renting movie videos to play in your home. I mean, doesn't it sound like a man thing to do? Don't get cleaned up and take your wife and children out to dinner and then to the show where you can see other people and be part of the community. No, pick up some pretzels and beverages and hunker down in front of your own

Action means automatic weapons are used to shoot people and there's more blood shown in this flick than is collected at our local Red Cross blood drives.

Comedy usually means lots of laughs but you still have to view it with your hand near the remote control fast-forward button if the children are watching. Once I mistakenly picked up a comedy video without looking at rating and the rest of the night, my kids kept asking why I was fast-forwarding through the movie so much.

Latest releases mean the best chance you have to rent them is to be first in line at 10:30 a.m. when they're returned. Latest releases go to those who are "firstest" not latest.

Places that rent video movies are fun, you can see so many of your friends there. I wonder, did people congregate at the library like this back before VCRs and television sets?

I also wonder if it was a man who came up with this idea of renting movie videos to play in your home. I mean, doesn't it sound like a man thing to do? Don't get cleaned up and take your wife and children out to dinner and then to the show where you can see other people and be part of the community. No, pick up some pretzels and beverages and hunker down in front of your own

television set where you can tell the dog to shut up and be king of the roost. Do you really think a woman would come up with this idea or a man?

And how about the poor clerks at video check-out counters? They have to try to answer dozens of the same questions each day and night. Try answering "Is *Hulk Hogan Meets Terminator III* a good movie or a bad movie?" asked by a grandmother and an 18-year-old body builder at the same time.

"Well, if you like ..." the clerk begins. Diplomacy at its best, I say.

What helps me out with movie selections are those 30-second promotions on televisions about new movie releases. For some of those movies, all you have to do is watch the 30-second promotion and you've got the gist of the show. You don't even have to watch the entire movie now.

So, on that snowy November night, it took me an hour and a half with visits to three stores before I finally decided on a movie. I went home to a cold dinner feeling good about the wonderful movie we were going to see until I heard those words a video shopper hates to hear — "WE ALREADY SAW IT!"

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Road Commission says pension fund OK

By Irene Pettyjohn

The Crawford County Road Commission is assuring all its employees and retirees that their pension fund is not in jeopardy because of recent bankruptcy proceedings initiated by Gateway Systems Corp., an Okemos-based software firm.

Although the commission did invest \$123,000 in Gateway, engineer/manager Richard Young said the investment affects only about 20% of the Crawford County Road Commission supported pension fund and no funds from individual employee's contributory accounts. He said if Gateway can successfully reorganize, the road commission still expects to recoup its outstanding balance of \$69,000.

At a special meeting on December

11, commissioners explained the Gateway investment to all participating employees.

"I don't see a problem with the road commission's pension fund," said Young. "Overall, our fund is doing better than most and I don't believe our employees need to worry about their pensions."

Young said concern among employees about the road commission's pension fund began after the Traverse City Record-Eagle ran an article in its Sunday, December 8 edition about Gateway filing for protection from its creditors in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, listing the Crawford County Road Commission as one of its investors.

The current Crawford County Road Commission pension fund is invested through Public Employees Retirement

Trust (PERT), a consolidated trust agency which was created to manage public employee pension plans. PERT in turn, contracts with Investment Timing Consultants (ITC), an investment management company which for a fixed fee (not a sales commission), invests the pension funds in appropriate securities, ranging from U.S. Treasury bills and bonds to corporate stocks, depending on market considerations.

PERT and ITC review the portfolio regularly to assure the fund owners that only legal investments are made. ITC plans and recommends specific types of securities to invest in particular market times in order to gain the best return on investments with minimum risk.

Young said contrary to one report, the Crawford County Road Commission has not invested the pension fund

in a Time-Share condominium.

At the time of the Gateway investment, Young said the road commission was managing its own fund investment. He said the road commission expected to receive about a 20% return. He said several other road commissions and state agencies invested in Gateway, but within a year, the State Treasurer's office advised the road commission that this type of investment was illegal, and advised investors to divest themselves of it.

The road commission's pension fund is supported totally by contributions from the commission. Currently this contribution is 6% of employees' base salary and wages. In addition to the commission's Defined Contribution retirement system, which pays employees a lump sum based on the employee's share of the retirement fund, employees may invest in individual contributory accounts that can either be managed by an investment consultant or by an individual's own buy/sell directions.

Young said the road commission has no control over individual accounts.

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Coy appointed to DSS Board

Dr. Gerald H. Miller, director of the Michigan Department of Social Services (DSS), has announced the appointment of William C. Coy to the Crawford County Social Services Board.

The three-member Social Services Board represents the community in an advisory capacity to the county department. Two members are appointed by the County Board of Commissioners and the third is appointed by the state DSS director. Coy's term will run through October, 1994.

Miller said, "The board plays an important role in the successful delivery of financial and social services provided to the citizens of Crawford County.

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Last week a school group from Traverse City came to the park for a guided tour during that arctic blast termed a clipper of some sort or other. Knowing full well that toes and fingers if not whole bodies would need warmth, I made a trip to the logging camp to start a fire in the stove in the bunkhouse. While waiting to make certain it was going to burn satisfactorily, I did some rearranging of various and asundry artifacts. As I turned the handle of the grindstone, I wondered where it had come from and only one source came to mind. More than likely it had been quarried and shaped from sandstone at the northern tip of Huron County at a place called Grindstone City.

Grindstone City came about when a Captain Peer built a grindstone mill there in 1839. Grindstones manufactured there were known and used throughout our country as well as in such faraway places as Russia, Germany, and England. The mill turned out stones from what might be called miniatures weighing three pounds, to monsters weighing three tons. According to Raymond D. Burroughs in his book "Peninsular Country," the daily output ranged from thirty-five to forty tons from 1880 to around 1910.

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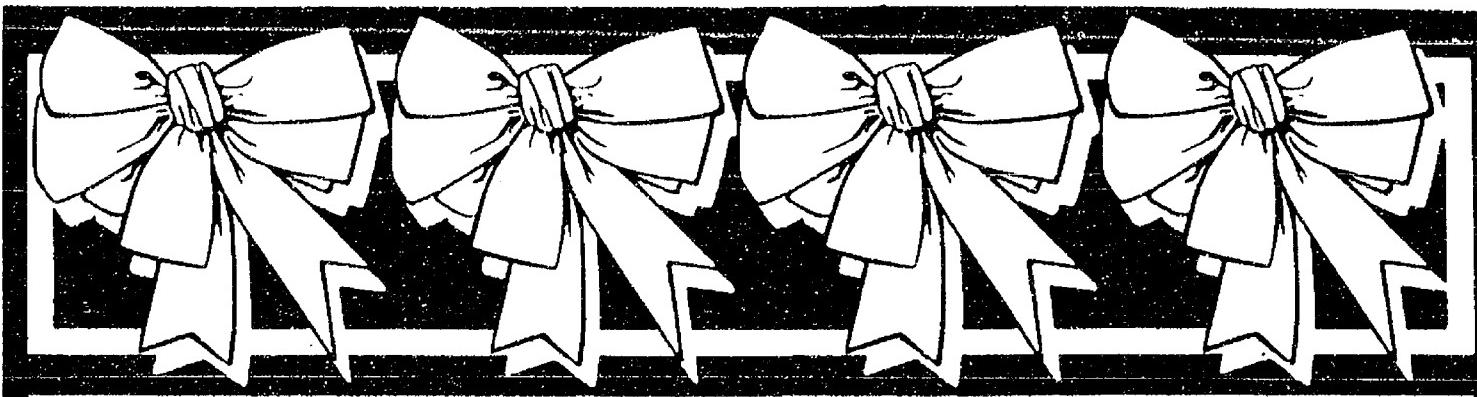
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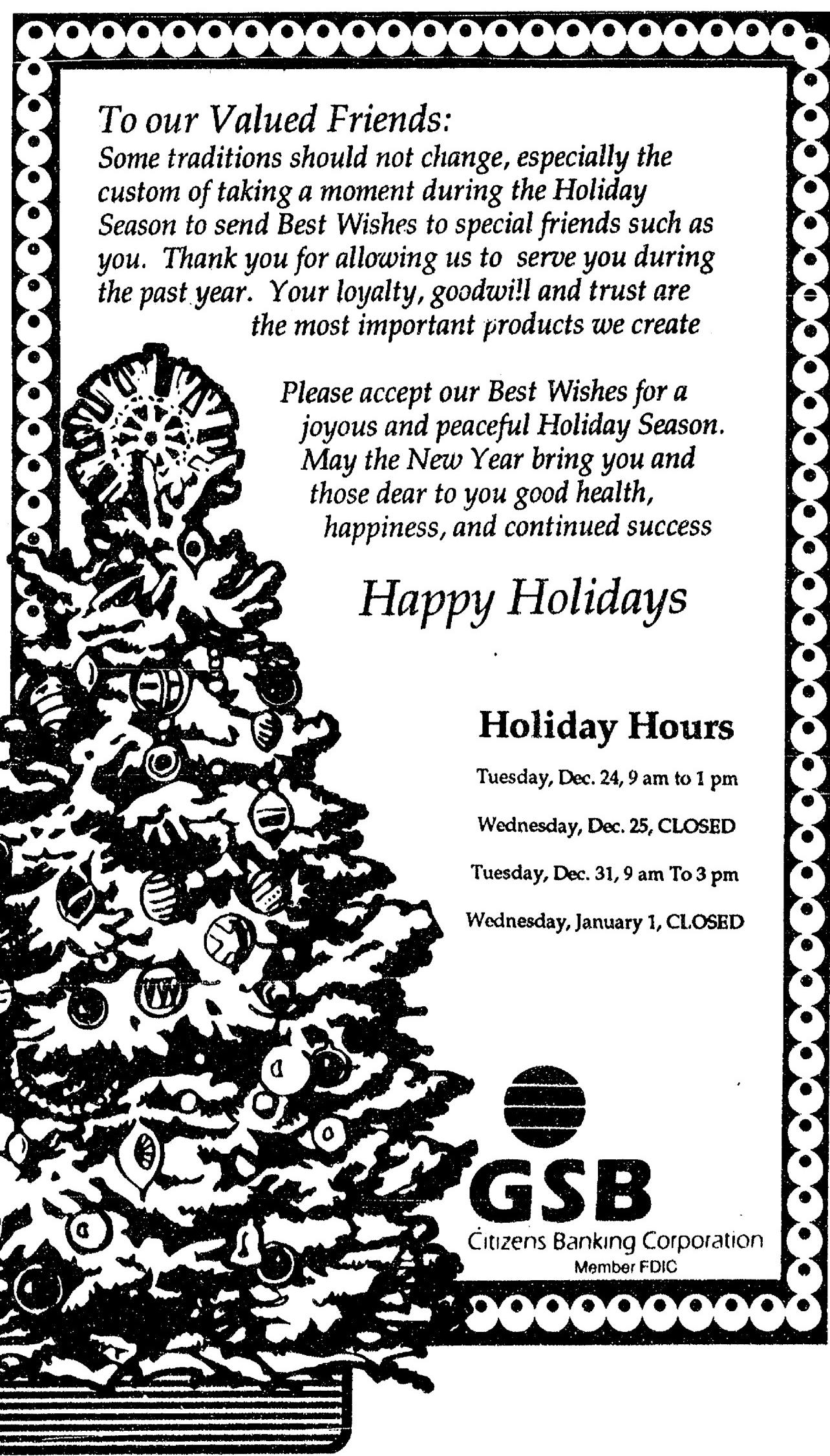
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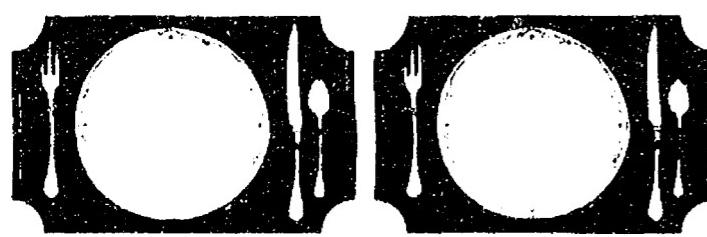
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Grayling Recreation Authority

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The Grayling Youth Booster Club granted the squad monies to buy pompons and material for their uniforms. The uniforms were made by volunteer seamstresses, Doria McClain and Nancy Wells.

The routines that are performed are choreographed to music. The routines are wholesome and energetic and are designed to keep fans motivated and entertained during half-time.

Ben Laser, G.H.S. Athletic Director, has scheduled the squad to perform at all home Friday boys basketball games at halftime. The Pompon Squad's first appearance will be this Friday, December 20, at halftime during the Onaway basketball game.

Obituaries

Clair Melroy, Jr.

Clair D. Melroy, Jr., 72, of Essexville, died Saturday, December 14, 1991, at Bay Medical Center in Bay City. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, December 17, 1991, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling, with Reverend Michael P. Conner officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Mr. Melroy was born June 20, 1919, in Tiffin, Ohio. He moved to Essexville five years ago from Grayling where he had lived for 60 years. He owned and operated Clair's Standard Gas Station in Grayling for many years. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Essexville, American Legion Post 106, Grayling, and the Bay City Elks Lodge #88. He served in the United States Army during WWII. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eva, in 1968, by a son, Teddy Melroy, and by his parents, Clair D. and Sadie (Hannah) Melroy, Sr.

Survivors include: wife, Margaret McNew Melroy of Essexville; son, Dale and Cheryl Melroy of Grayling; daughter, Terri and John Tuck of Grayling; step-daughter, Karen and Ray Bartels of Saginaw; step-son, Walt and Jane McNew of Temple Terrace, FL; sister, Myrtle McPhail of Haslett; granddaughter, Ann Elizabeth Melroy; step-grandchildren, Peter and Amy Bartels, and Michael and Bethany McNew; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.



NEW POMPON SQUAD—Back row, left to right: Heidi Craigie, Michelle Parker, coach Teresa Furst, Carrie Wells, Gina Luppo, coach Cheryl Millikin, Sarah Furst, Darcie McCurdy. Middle row, left to right: Jennie Evans, Jessica McClain, Cheryl McCurdy (mascot), Mandee Micek, Amy Furst, Jaime Andrus. Front row, left to right: Heather Millikin, Susy Lovely, Amy Vandecar. Not pictured coach Cathy Stancil. (Photo by Cheryl Millikin)

Donald Stewart

Donald C. Stewart, 52, of Cedarville, died Thursday, November 21, 1991, at McPherson Hospital in Howell. Funeral services were held Monday, November 25, at the Swanson-Mayer Funeral Home in Madison Heights, with Kenneth Middleton of the Lincoln Park Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Mr. Stewart was born June 21, 1939, in Weakley County Tennessee. Mr. Stewart was formerly a resident of Roscommon. He lived the past seven years in Cedarville and owned Independent Repair Service, a marine business.

Survivors include: daughter, Donna Moore, and grandchildren, Derrick and Danielle Moore of Sterling Heights; mother, Minnie Andrews of Roscommon; sisters, Shirley Henry of Cedarville; Beverly Simpson of Troy; and Doris Killebrew of Carol Stream, Illinois. Also surviving is a dear friend, Judy Izzard of Cedarville.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Donna Moore, 4146 Connie, Sterling Heights, MI 48310.

Class of '77 needs addresses

The class of '77 is looking for addresses for the following people: Brian Hexham, Tammy Lindsay, Tim Mason, Tom Miller, Marie Myers, LeRoy Pickering, Michelle Reynolds-Rhynier, Romily Reynolds, Terri Robidea-Bellmer, Mike Schilbe, Eileen Schmidt, Sheri Secord, Norm Theaker, Karen Woodman, Marianne Wright, Kim Anteau, Tim Baade, Vicki Bohman, Barb Christian, Gary

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Commission On Aging

By Jan Farley

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The young fellows from the Shawano Learning Center have extended another invitation for the Seniors to come for breakfast on Tuesday, December 17, at 9 a.m. We will have a Dial-A-Ride bus leaving from the center at 8:45 a.m. and those who need transportation can board there. They always put out a delicious pancake breakfast with lots of trimmings and the seniors thoroughly enjoy themselves. With the holiday season upon us why don't we rummage in our closets and perhaps find some games or puzzles that have been lying around gathering dust and take them with us for the boys. Please call the Center to sign up for the breakfast so that we can let them know approximately how many to prepare for. (348-7123)

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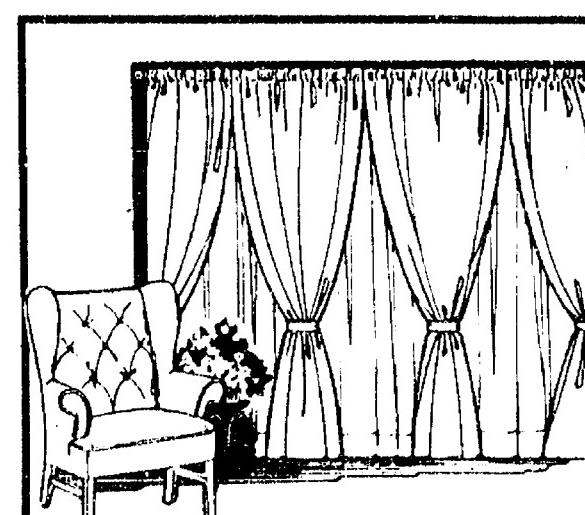
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- Tuesday & Wednesday- 24 & 25-The Center is closed, Merry Christmas;
- Thursday-26-Maryland Chicken/Liver & Onions.
- Friday-27-Beef Tips.

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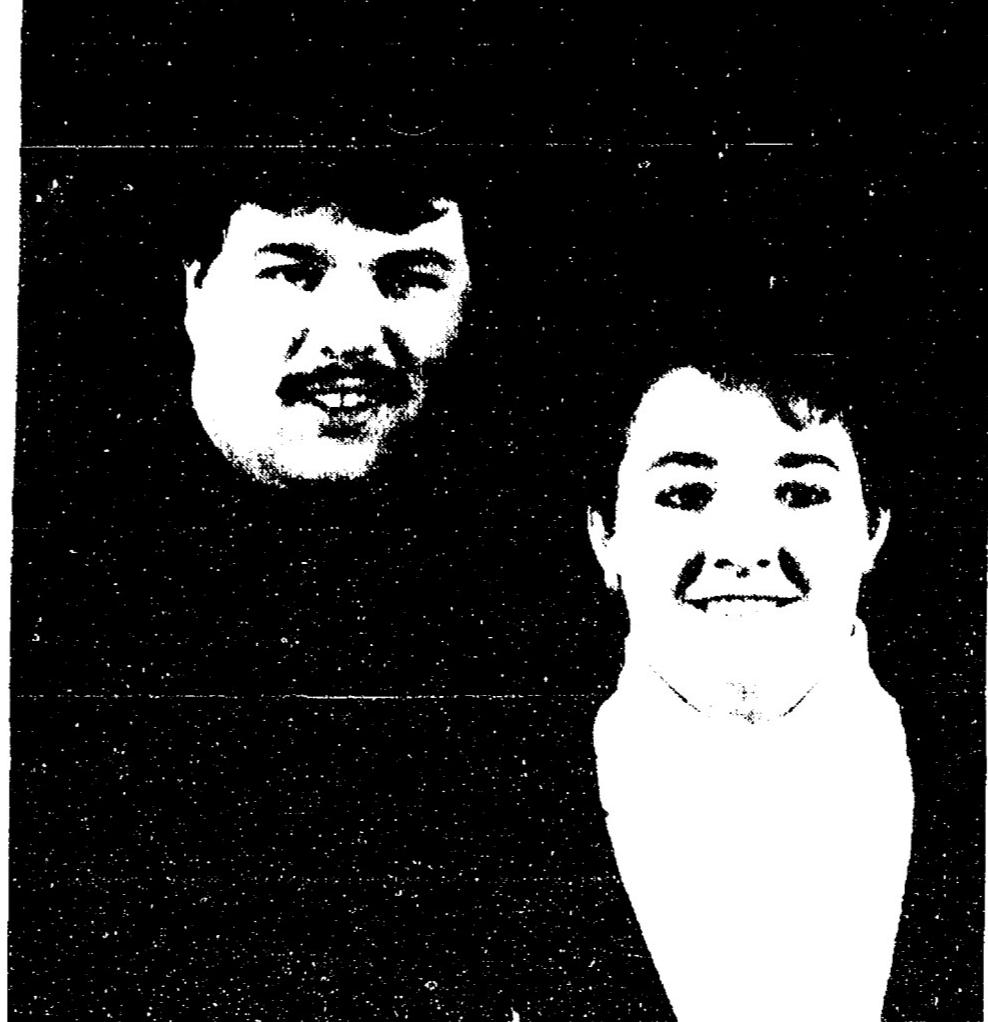
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Jamie Ellen Kaiser of Frederic, and Shawn Patrick Thomas of Rochester Hills, have announced their engagement, in planning a February 29, 1992 wedding. The bride-elect is the daughter of Joan Kaiser of Frederic. Her fiance is the son of George and Nancy Thomas of Rochester Hills.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Monty Bidwell and Chris Schwartz, together with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Bidwell and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Schwartz, wish to announce their engagement. An April 1992, wedding is being planned.



WEDDING ANNOUNCED—Francis Moore and Beth Haggard were married November 21, 1991, in Kincheloe, Mi.



Couple celebrate 60th

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Bertl of Roscommon, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 10. Their children hosted a reception and brunch at the Fox Run Country Club.

The former Laura Knibbs and her husband were married November 10, 1931, at the Michelson Memorial

Church in Grayling. Fritz and Laura have spent their entire married life in Roscommon.

The couple has three daughters: Barbara Gaylor, Camilla DeWitt and Lenora Huber, all of Roscommon. They also have eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Bacon receives NMU degree

Sarah Bacon, of Grayling, received a bachelor of arts degree from Northern Michigan University. She majored in psychology and received the degree during commencement exercises December 14.

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Tottens Body Shop	32	Silver Dollar		R & R Auto	
McLean's	31	141-83		99-125	
Weaver's	29.5	219, R. Pyle, 218. High Series: K. Rucinski,		Wolohan Lumber	
Buccilli's	27.5	617, E. Malinowski, 596, R. Pyle, 589.		95.5-128.5	
Cornell's	26	117-107		High Game: K. Rucinski, 256, S. Miller,	
Flowers	23	117-107		219, R. Pyle, 218. High Series: K. Rucinski,	
R & H Sports	21	617-107		617, E. Malinowski, 596, R. Pyle, 589.	
Larry & Joan's	18	117-107		115.5-108.5	
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 202, B. Burwick, 202, B. Bellanger, 182, R. Dandy, 181. Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 574, B. Burwick, 513, F. Krolikowski, 463.		109.5-114.5		101.5-122.5	
Women's High Game: D. Hall, 186, A. Roman, 173, E. Hubert, 158. Women's High Series: D. Hall, 452, A. Roman, 437, D. Mead, 425.		99-125		95.5-128.5	
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Helsel's Firewood	31	617, E. Malinowski, 596, R. Pyle, 589.		617, E. Malinowski, 596, R. Pyle, 589.	
Dan's Dolls	30.5	117-107		117-107	
New Life	30	117-107		117-107	
Airway	29.5	117-107		117-107	
Legion Lanes	29	117-107		117-107	
Spikes	27	117-107		117-107	
Bloomquist, Wegner, & Law	14	117-107		117-107	
High Game: D. Kotrash, 207, M. Canfield, 198, 186, D. Helsel, 179. High Series: M. Canfield, 529, D. Kotrash, 468, B. DeHart, 460. Ham winners: J. Weaver, S. Pelton, M. Canfield, S. Stockmeyer.		117-107		117-107	
Pioneer League		117-107		117-107	
Aun Betty's	31-25	117-107		117-107	
Chemical Bank	31-25	117-107		117-107	
Millikins	30-26	117-107		117-107	
Mercy Hospital	28-28	117-107		117-107	
Avalanche	28-28	117-107		117-107	
F.O.E. Aux.	27.5-28.5	117-107		117-107	
Dawsons	25.5-30.5	117-107		117-107	
Skips Sport Shop	22-34	117-107		117-107	
High Game: R. Owens, 205, B. Pryor, 201, J. Hinds, 199. High Series: J. Hinds, 518, R. Owens, 498, V. Balmer, 489.		117-107		117-107	
Sunday Afternoon Fun League		117-107		117-107	
Murdick's Fudge	38	117-107		117-107	
Vic Parsons	38	117-107		117-107	
Milltown Drywall	35	117-107		117-107	
Helsel Forest Products	31	117-107		117-107	
Spikes Keg O Nails	27	117-107		117-107	
Carquest	25.5	117-107		117-107	
Grayling Restaurant	25.5	117-107		117-107	
Trails Campground	20	117-107		117-107	
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County proposes spraying program

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Monday, December 30, Lovells, 9 a.m. to noon.

Tuesday, December 31, Maple Forest, 10 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, January 2, Beaver Creek, 9 a.m. to noon.

Friday, January 3, Grayling, 9 a.m. to noon.

Monday, January 6, South Branch, 9 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, January 8, County Building, 9 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, January 9, County Building, 9 a.m. to noon.

Property owners who wish to be included in the spray program, but whose property was not included in the spray block proposal should make every effort to meet with the Gypsy Moth Coordinator according to the above schedule. Property owners who plan to engage in some sort of Gypsy Moth control this summer are strongly encouraged to place their property into the County Spray Program. By doing this, property owners will be assured that the proper chemicals are being applied under the proper conditions for maximum control and minimal environmental damage. They will also be taking advantage of a significant economic savings by having their property included in the Crawford County bid process for spraying.

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All of these things mean that the time to do something is now, said Taylor. All spray block development must be completed by January 17. Bids will begin to go to the various applicators by January 22, and at that time it will be too late to include any more property.

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The Crawford County Gypsy Moth Coordinator will make himself available to anyone who cannot meet according to the above schedule. (All spray block proposals must be complete by January 22.) The Crawford County Gypsy Moth Coordinator can be reached at 348-5187 between 1 and 5:30 p.m. weekdays.



BOOSTER CLUB DONATION--Grayling Youth Booster Club member Vi Ayers presents Nancy Lemmen with a check for \$1,000 which was used to buy winter clothing for the local Coats For Kids project. New and used coats, mittens, hats, scarves, snowpants and some boots are available to any families whose children need them. They can be picked up at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Airport closing postponed

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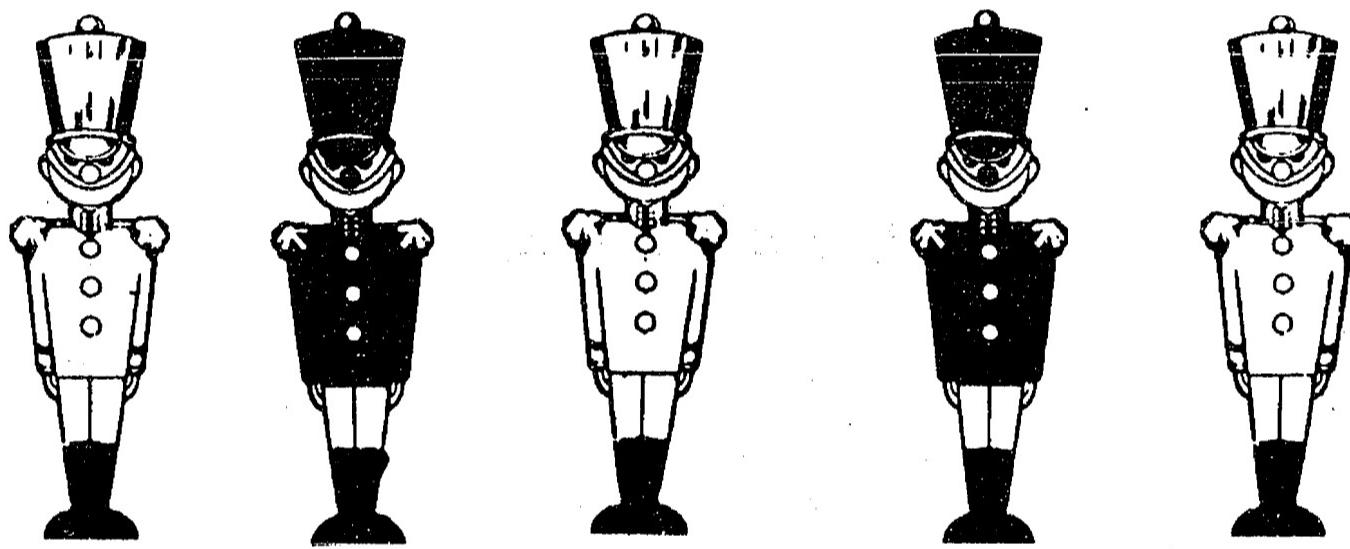
the U.S. Air Force, was in the process of establishing a winged squadron at the McNamara Airport for the purpose of training for search and rescue missions. He said having the Civil Air Patrol wing located in Grayling would mean the influx of several hundred

pilots each month as they came to train.

Long said he was looking into alternate funding sources such as Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants to help offset the cost of operating the airport. He also said he believes the county and DMA will come to an agreement on a more equitable solution to runway snow removal that will benefit both parties.

Frederick said the FAA grants he is familiar with have always been for capital improvements not operational expenses, but added that operational grants may also be available now.

At the end of the 60-day extension, the CCTA board will again examine the feasibility of keeping the airport open year-round.



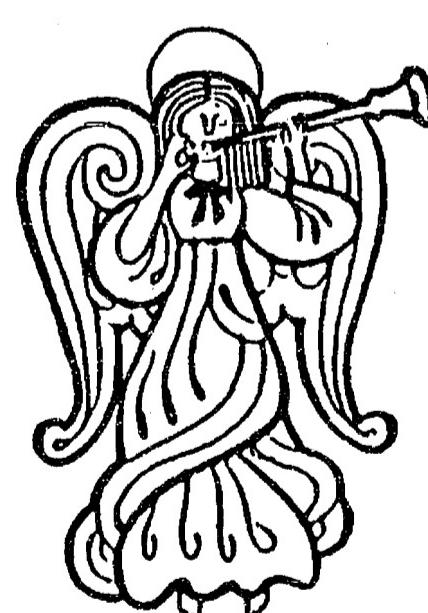
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Our Night Sky By Gary Harland

When I began this column a year or so ago, I didn't intend for it to go on forever. I'm just an ordinary person who happens to love astronomy. I'm not a writer. I only wanted to share a little of the joy astronomy gives to me. I'm not launching a new career. Having done what I could, within my many limitations, I feel it's time to let it be.

As a final gesture to help those who want to pursue astronomy in northern Michigan, here is a guide of sorts. I'll leave the national and international levels to the many books available. This is closer to home-grown.

TELESCOPES & EQUIPMENT

The only local sources I've seen have been the big chain stores and the odd, little photography store. They only carry the low-quality, overpriced stuff commonly found in the big mail-order catalogs, — and closets and garages. For a reliable telescope look for names like: Celestron, Meade, Edmund Scientific, Parks and Tele-vue. Forget the rest until you know what you're looking for. And be prepared to spend some money. You're buying a scientific instrument, not a toy.

BOOKS & MAGAZINES

The venerable monthly *Sky & Telescope* magazine is my favorite amateur publication. It has something for every sort of amateur and is a top-

quality production to boot. I've seen it on the newsstands at Cherryland Mall in T.C. as well as the big bookstore on Business-27 at the south end of Mt. Pleasant.

Another excellent monthly magazine is *Astronomy*. It is more geared towards the beginner and astro-photographer. But, it is hard to find. You'll just have to keep your eyes open.

Abrams Planetarium at MSU puts out an excellent, one-page, monthly called *Sky Calendar*. It costs \$6 a year (*Sky Calendar*, Abrams Planetarium, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824).

The only two places I have found where good reference books (*Burnham's Celestial Handbook*, *Uranometria 2000.0*, etc.) could be had off-the-shelf are the Abrams Museum in Lansing and Border's Bookstore in Ann Arbor. You will probably have to mail-order what you need. *Sky and Telescope* magazine's *Sky Publications* (POB 9111, Belmont, MA 02178-9111) or *Willman-Bell, Inc.* (POB 35025, Richmond, VA 23235) are my favorites. Write and ask for a catalog.

CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS

The *Huron Amateur Astronomers* (POB 53, Alpena, MI 49797-0053) is the only official amateur astronomy group in this area. They warmly, and

very hospitably I might add, welcome amateurs from all over northern Michigan to their monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Membership is \$25 (individual), \$30 (family/couple) which gets you their monthly newsletter *Finderscope*, membership in the national Astronomical League (plus its newsletter) as well as discounts of books and periodicals. You won't be hit up for a membership until after you've been around a few months so don't let it stop from going to the meetings.

There is no state-wide organization but, once you get south of the Bay City-Lansing line there are many local clubs.

PLANETARIUMS/MUSEUMS

The only nearby planetarium is Jesse Besser (491 Johnson St., Alpena, MI 49797 517-356-2202). It is in a struggle for its life after being hit by the state-aid budget cuts. Word is, a Friends-of-the-Planetarium may be formed to take up some of the slack. Your patronage and support are dearly needed if it isn't to entirely evaporate.

Bay City, on the other hand, is about to get a new planetarium and a Challenger Center. Delta College will be home to the planetarium. Saginaw Valley State University has been chosen as one of the few select sites for a Challenger Center. The relatives of the seven astronauts who died aboard the Space Shuttle CHALLENGER in 1986 formed a space-education society that has begun setting up centers across America to encourage our kids to think space. SVSU was fortunate enough to be chosen in the first group. It already has a NASA Resource Center.

Michigan sports a fair number of planetariums and museums with astronomy displays:

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outside Michigan.

MC MATH PLANETARIUM (Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48013, 313-645-3235) Where I was annually sent for a dose of cosmic consciousness while growing up in Royal Oak.

LANGWAY PLANETARIUM (1310 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI, 48503, 313-760-1181).

EXHIBIT MUSEUM PLANETARIUM (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 48109, 313-764-0478).

IMPRESSION 5 SCIENCE MUSEUM (200 Museum Drive, Lansing, MI, 48933, 517-485-8116).

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM (Detroit Public Schools, 67 E. Kirby, Detroit, 48202, 313-494-1210).

There are a number of smaller museums and planetariums.

OBSERVATORIES

The only nearby observatory I know of is at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. It's south of town off Garfield Road. I've asked them about public observing but haven't been able to get a response after a year of trying. Apparently they don't want tax-payers messing the place up. An unusual attitude.

Kirtland Community College, right here in our own backyard, recently had a telescope donated by a star lover. Tom Dale at KCC picked out a nice Celestron Super-8 Schmidt-Cassegrain. It is primarily for astronomy demonstrations at area schools. Its keepers have neither a time nor money budget, last I heard, so be kind and gentle with any inquiries.

Michigan has only three professional-grade observatories listed in my international directory: The University of Michigan Radio Observatory (Dexter), Michigan State University Observatory (East Lansing) and Central Michigan Observatory (Mt. Pleasant). There is far too much light pollution and radio noise for a top-notch observatory in our state. Which is why U of M, the most prestigious astronomy/astrophysics faculty in the state, sends its astronomers to the Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona or Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory in Chile, South America.

TELEPHONE HOT-LINES

For up-to-the-minute information on what's going on "up there" nothing beats a phone for convenience.

617-497-4168: **Sky & Telescopes Magazine's SKYLINE**. A 3-minute recorded message up-dated weekly (Fridays) or more often if needed. It's the best.

517-332-7827: **Abrams Planetarium STARLINE**. A weekly recorded message of observing information. Best in-state.

313-837-0130: **The Detroit Astronomical Society's SKY-WATCHER'S HOTLINE**. A recorded message up-dated monthly.

713-483-8600: **NASA-Johnson Space Center in Houston**. Carries a 2 to 3 minute message up-dated daily for the media and other interested parties.

900-909-6272: **Dial-a-Shuttle**. Lets you listen in on communications between the space shuttle and Houston during flights. \$2 for the first minute, 45¢ for each additional minute. During missions only.

13-427-0674: **Celestial BBS**. The grand-daddy of satellites and space BBSs.

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When the Shuttle isn't in space **NST** carries all sorts of educational and technical programming as well as special coverage of international space events and our interplanetary spacecraft's fly-

bys.

That about does it. Many thanks to the many people who passed along kind comments over the past months. This writing stuff too often feels like writing letters to yourself. Feedback relieves that feeling. And many thanks to the editor for taking the chance and providing the space. It would have been so easy to say "no" or just ignore the whole thing.

Clear Skies.

Military News

Tanya L. Black, 17, daughter of Randall and Kathleen Black, Route 4 Box 4431B, Grayling, enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program today, according to Sgt. Scott P. C. Hale, Traverse City.

Black, a 1992 graduate of Grayling High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on June 30, 1992. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training

course near San Antonio, Texas, she is scheduled to receive technical training in the General Area.

Marine Pfc. George J. Schlaff, son of John H. and Brenda K. Schlaff of Frederic recently reported for duty with Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC.

The 1990 graduate of Gaylord High School joined the Marine Corps in January 1991.

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FRI. 20	•BBB VS. ONAWAY @ HOME, 6:15 pm. •SCHOOL DISMISSED EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION beginning @ 11:30 am (Elementary). •1ST SEMESTER ADULT HS COMPLETION ENDS.
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VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM--(front) Tom Schweizer, Jerry Weaver, Brian Robinson, Jason Secord, Tim Mead, Coach Don Ferguson; (back) Ken Kent, Don Baker, Sam Mack, Lowell Bindschadel, Scott Garner, Brent Kernstock.



VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--(front) Coach Tom Mills, Assistant Coach Chris Dunckley, Managers Mikkel Gylling and Caleb Casey, Statisticians Nicole Gingerich and Kaethe Callewaert; (back) Mark Andrus, Nick Hebekeuser, Eric LaForest, Matt Cragg, Mark Kraus, Johannes Blekeli, Mike Spencer, Steve Branch, Andy Lochner, Mitch McMillan, Mike Kirmo.



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--(front) Statistician Kaethe Callewaert, Coach Warren (Butch) Hayes, Statistician Nicole Gingerich; (back) Chris DiPonio, Max Thompson, Matt VanSickle, Shane Hinkle, Brandon Walsh, Jeff Mier, Josh Wells, Chris Wolcott, Brian Dunckley, Paul Hartman, Tim Donahoe. Not pictured: Manager Tom Eldridge.

After winning the annual Roscommon High School invitational tournament for five years, the Grayling High School wrestling team dropped to 3rd place in their 1991-92 season opener—beating Glen Lake, Roscommon and Elk Rapids and falling to Charlevoix and Onaway.

Coach Don Ferguson said the problem was that Grayling had to give up five weights—and automatically 30 points—due to ineligible wrestlers and weight classes not filled.

But of the 40 matches the Vikings wrestled on Saturday, they won 30.

"We had a pretty good day," said Coach Ferguson, who is beginning his 19th season as GHS wrestling coach. "The kids went in underdogs and came out looking pretty good."

This year's squad has only two returning lettermen from the 1990-91 season, sophomore Ken Kent (112 pounds) and junior Sam Mack (135 pounds).

Both of them took 1st places, winning all five of their matches.

Freshman Jason Secord (160 pounds) also earned a 1st place medal.

Freshman Lowell Bindschadel (130 pounds) and sophomore Brent Kernstock (171 pounds) came in 2nd with 4-1 records.

Sophomores Jerry Weaver (140 pounds) and Brian Robinson (145 pounds) placed 3rd with 3-2 records.

Senior Don Baker (152 pounds) placed 4th with a 1-4 record.

Ferguson said he was pleased with his young team's performance and things will look a lot better when they get their two upper weight class wrestlers back.

The Vikings host Kalkaska and Manvelona in a tri-meet on Thursday, December 19, at 6 p.m.

"We're going to have to wrestle our best because we're giving up so many points," said Ferguson.

Grayling goes to the Freeland Invitational on Saturday, December 28.

It is the oldest tournament in the Saginaw Valley, he explained. "It's a good tournament. You have to score well as an individual there in order to have any state recognition and seedings."

Junior Pro Basketball

Boys Game Stats December 14 3rd/4th Grade

Team	W-L
Wolohan Lumber Clippers	2-0
Little Caesars Celtics	2-0
Camp Grayling Bullets	2-0
McDonald's Trailblazers	1-1
McEvans Supersonics	1-1
Rochette's Lakers	1-1
Grayling State Bank Bulls	1-1
Cornell Agency Nuggets	0-2
Mac's Drugs Hawks	0-2
Roscommon Bucks	0-2

Game Results: Clippers, 28; Nuggets, 0; Lakers, 30; Hawks, 26; Bulls, 29; Blazers, 9; Celtics, 38; Bucks, 8; Bullets, 32; Sonics, 5.

5th/6th Grade

Team	W-L
Bayham Forrest Products Spurs	2-0
Glen's Markets Spartans	2-0
R & H Sports Pistons	2-0
Bears Country Inn Timberwolves	1-1
Grayling Fuelgas Heat	1-1
Northland Credit Union Suns	0-2
DuBois Lumber Mustangs	0-2
Ramaswamy Jazz	0-2

Game Results: Spartans, 31; Mustangs, 26; Spurs, 28; Suns, 23; Pistons, 27; Jazz, 21; Heat, 44; Wolves, 28.

Each member of the Timberwolves, Spurs, and Heat to bring a dozen doughnuts for concession stand.

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#6 Dave & Gary	547
#4 Bill & Mike	547
#1 Gene & Carol	538
#3 Eric & Chad	538
#5 John & John	529
#8 Ron & Pam	527
#2 Steve & Ron	484
#9 Jerry & Jeff	280

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Tough Petoskey, Roscommon teams stuff young Vikings

The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team is still looking for its first victory after falling to the Roscommon Bucks and the Petoskey Northmen.

The Vikings opened their 1991-92 season on December 10 with a 75-70 loss to the Bucks.

They trailed by only one point—17-16—after the first quarter. Roscommon opened up a bigger lead in the second (37-22) and maintained it in the third (53-41).

"We played well and pressed well in the first quarter," said Coach Tom Mills. "But we let down in the second. Nothing fell for Grayling and they outscored us by 16 points. We outscored Roscommon in the third and fourth quarters, but it wasn't enough. We came within two points near the end of the game, then ended up losing by five."

"What impressed me about the whole team," he continued, "was that they still played hard. They never quit and almost won the game because of inner desire and a 'never say die' attitude. But you can't give a team a lead like we gave Roscommon and expect to win. Our inexperience showed, but we're getting better."

Coach Mills said junior Mitch McMillan played a fine defensive game and junior Steve Branch came off the bench and did a nice job.

Pool League

Milltown Women's Pool League December 9, 1991

	Frederic Inn	Plaza	Red Barn	Spikes	Weyerhaeuser	Plaza
Weatherly's	57	49	48	47	46	41
Legion						
Plaza						
Red Barn						
Swamp						
Spikes						

Milltown Women's Pool League December 16, 1991

	Frederic Inn	Plaza	Red Barn	Legion	Spikes	Weyerhaeuser	Plaza
Weatherly's	63	55	55	53	52	46	58
Plaza							
Red Barn							
Legion							
Swamp							
Spikes							

Junior Eric LaForest led the Viking scoring effort with 32 points. He was also the leading rebounder with 16.

Senior Mark Andrus added 11 points. Branch contributed nine; and McMillan, eight.

GAME AGAINST PETOSKEY

The Vikings ran into a whirlwind when they met Petoskey, said Mills.

"I figured they would be one of the best Class B teams in the North and that proved to be true."

Petoskey led, 24-10, after one quarter. Mills said the Vikings were still in the game after the second (43-30) and third (63-49) periods, but "they blew us out" in the fourth, with 88-62 the final score.

The Northmen line-up included two returning honorable mention all-stars in comparison to Grayling's largely junior squad that includes only two returning varsity lettermen—Andrus and LaForest.

"All the other teams have more," said Mills. "We're inexperienced. But it's still the beginning of the season. We'll get it. The kids are hard enough workers."

"We're going to improve and be a lot more competitive the second part of the season. Slowly the wins are going to start coming. And when they do, it will build confidence which will lead to more wins."

(In the Vikings' favor, this year's squad is tall with five players at six feet two inches or taller—Andrus and

Juniors Matt Cragg, Nick Hebekeuser, Mark Kraus and LaForest.)

Junior Mike Kimo led the scoring effort with 21 points. LaForest added 12 and Andrus, ten.

Kimo also led in assists with six.

Mills said Andrus has been the most consistent player in the first two games and junior foreign exchange student Johannes Bleckeli came off the bench to play a good game defensively.

Mills said the team's poor free throw shooting (eight for 24 for 33%) and the fact that they weren't aggressive enough bothered him.

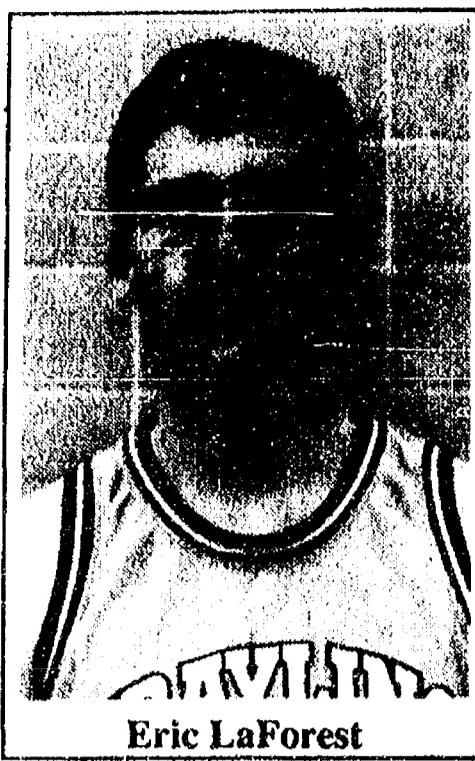
"You don't shoot that percentage (of free throws) at the varsity level. And when they beat our press, we relaxed and they'd score an easy bas-

ket."

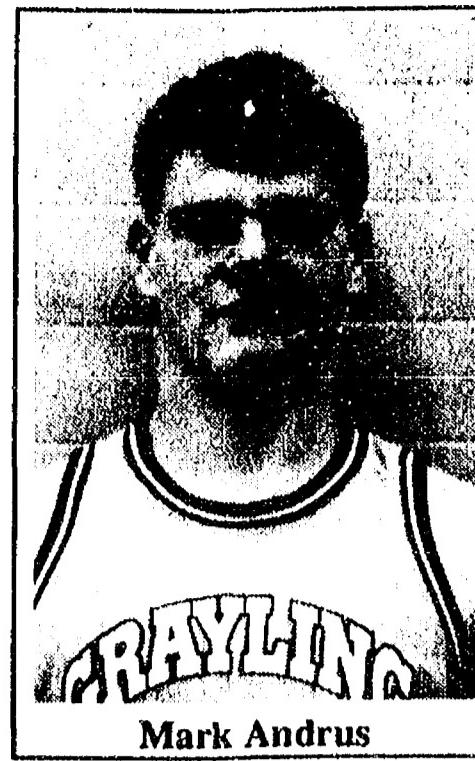
He continued, "For pressing like we did, we didn't cause the turnovers we should have. (Petoskey had 22.) They attacked the basket well and we didn't collapse our defense. We allowed them a lot of easy baskets. When we penetrated, there would be two or three Petoskey guys in our faces. We didn't get the help we needed."

The Vikings host Onaway on Friday, December 20, in their division opener. The first home for Grayling was December 17 against Gladwin.

For the past two years, Grayling has not lost a home conference game and the team will do what it can to ensure that this record stays unblemished through 1991.



Eric LaForest



Mark Andrus

JVs open season with two defeats

The Grayling High School boys junior varsity basketball team fell to Roscommon, 44-32, and Petoskey, 66-34, in their first games of the season last week.

Sophomore Chris Wolcott led the Vikings in scoring with nine points in the game against the Bucks.

Sophomore Jeff Mier followed closely with eight points and also was leading rebounder with eight.

Freshman Shane Hinkle added six; sophomore Chris DiPonio, five; and freshman Brian Dunckley, four.

Sophomore Brandon Walsh had six rebounds.

Coach Warren (Butch) Hayes said the Vikings got off to a slow start in their Tuesday night season opener, probably due to first game nervousness and the fact that they're still adjusting to a new offense and new defenses.

Grayling was down, 15-7, after the first quarter. They tied the game at 19 in the third period. Then Roscommon made a run, outscoring the Vikings 15-6 in the same quarter. The teams played even up in the final period.

PETOSKEY GAME

Grayling ran into a really good Petoskey team on Friday evening, said Coach Hayes. Again the Vikings started slowly, ending the first quarter at 27-8.

"That was pretty much the game. They outscored us, 14-6, in the third quarter, and in the second and fourth quarters we played them even up."

Hayes added that in both games Grayling had a difficult time breaking the full court press.

On the up side, the JV Vikings had 32 deflections—defensive plays that include blocked shots, steals, defensive taps (from behind) and defensive tips (passes knocked away)—by halftime.

"I'm pleased with that. We did really well. And we got inside to take a number of inside shots."

DiPonio was leading scorer with 13 points. Sophomore Tim Donahoe added six; sophomore Paul Hartman and Mier, four each; Walsh, three; and Dunckley and sophomore Josh Wells, two each.

Walsh contributed five rebounds and

against Onaway at home at 6:15 p.m.

"I feel we'll match up pretty good," said Hayes. "It should be a good contest."

Men's Basketball

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Top scorers: Fox, 24; Trenary,

Junttila, Thompson, 18; Cross, 14;

Pollen, 13; D'Amour, 12; Krey, Hull,

11; White, 10.

Three-point leaders: Fox, 5;

D'Amour, Pollen, 4; Fortino, Cross,

C. Bonamie, Palmer, 8;

Metzer, 5; Herrick, 2; Brandle, 1.

Weyerhaeuser, 56; Trenary, 18;

Pollen, 13; Krey, 11; McEvers, 9;

Meries, 3; Alma, 2. Dawn Donuts, 43;

J. Parkinson, 9; Hopp, 8; Fortino, 7; D.

Lange, K. Parkinson, 5; Hartman, 3;

M. Harland, R. Harland, M. Lange, 2;

Spike's/Cornell, 69; Fox, 24;

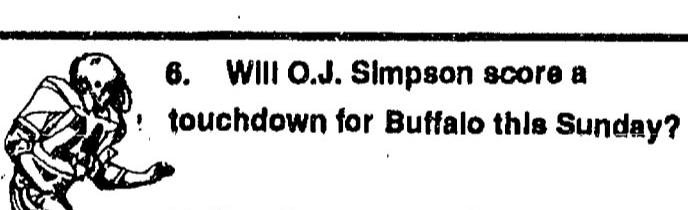
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Moshier, Cox, Mlcek, Vandecar win conference basketball honors

Grayling High School girls varsity basketball team member senior Brenda Moshier was selected for the all-division first team and junior teammates Elissa Cox, Sarah Mlcek and Amy Vandecar were given honorable mention for 1991 season play in the Lake Huron Division of the Great Northern Conference.

Coach Howard Lehti announced the awards at the team's annual awards banquet on December 4.

He also gave out team awards.

Moshier was selected Most Valuable Player and Vandecar received

Most Improved. The 110% Hustle award went to Mlcek and the Spirit award was given to junior Heidi Craigie.

Academic awards were also announced.

The gold medal (for a 3.75-4.0 G.P.A.) went to senior Andrea Austin;

the silver medal (3.5-3.74 G.P.A.) to Cox, Craigie and junior Heather Millikin; and the bronze medal (3.0-3.49 G.P.A.) to sophomore Jaime Andrus, junior Gina Lupo, Mlcek and Vandecar.

Season co-captains were Austin and Moshier.



Amy Vandecar



Brenda Moshier



Sara Mlcek



Elissa Cox

GHS volleyball squad look for fast start

Grayling High School varsity volleyball coach Rebecca Brown has a young team, but she said she thinks it's going to be more than a building year.

"It's a team capable of a quality performance that will continue to improve throughout the season. They're quick studies. They are all good athletes, determined people and hard workers. I have confidence in this group of kids."

The Vikings opened their pre-season play on December 11 in a scrimmage against Lake City, Forest Area and Kalkaska. No scores were kept, but each team faced all the others for at least a half hour of play.

"We communicated well, were aggressive and the girls demonstrated how comfortable they are with each other." It was very beneficial because we had the opportunity to try a lot of things with a quick start around the corner." (The Vikings' first match was December 16 against Houghton Lake.)

"We've only practiced for one week," she continued. "But we're far more cohesive than one week will normally produce."

Coach Brown said that overall serving ability is a surprising strength and that she is looking for great things in the attacking potential of the team, particularly from junior Sara Palmer,

junior Christina Hartwig, sophomore Jaime Andrus, junior Heather Millikin and sophomore Jamie McKinney.

"I expect that we'll be very successful on the double block, using Millikin, Andrus, Hartwig, Palmer, junior Laura Renou and junior Susan Huss. We'll play a lot of those blocks because the kids are scrappy and passing well. We're not tall, but we jump well."

Junior setter Heidi Craigie, who set a new school setting record in 1990-91, is "better than last year," said Brown. "She exhibits control and energy. I know a lot of good things are going to happen with her."

Rounding off the squad are senior Kris Albee and juniors Jessica Brown and Patty Puls. Junior Tammy Romain is manager; freshman Jessica Hall, statistician; and freshman Angie Young, scorer.

The team's home opener on Wednesday, December 18, against Roscommon "should be tough," said Brown.

Grayling met the Bucks at the district semi-finals last year when they went to a tie-breaker which the Vikings lost, 16-14.

"They only lost one starter, so I look for them to be a good challenge. But again, I have a team that likes challenges."

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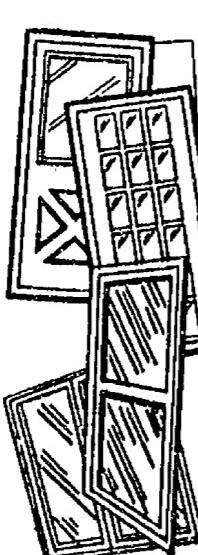
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Ten persons, Larry Davis Jr., Peggy Olson, Steve Branch, Rick Lindsey, Kim Guernsey, Jack Siehoff, Carol Siehoff, Lois Mead, Chris Wylie, and Dawn Dandy, got our Bart Starr question wrong. Only one person out of 157 entries, Tom Selon, picked Indianapolis to upset Buffalo.

Mark Hartman took over the overall contest lead with 228 points. He leads Mary Ann Reynolds by three points. The list of overall points for everyone with at least 40 points is printed on the opposite page.

The regular season pro games this weekend, December 21-22, will be our 16th contest week. Our final week of the contest, the 17th week, will consist of college bowl games.

Because of the holidays, our contest schedule will run like this: Entry forms for the final week of the contest will be printed in our Christmas issue printed early next week on Monday, December 23. These entry forms for the final week of the contest have to be turned in by 5 p.m. Friday, December 27.

Because next week's Avalanche will be printed early Monday morning, December 23, we won't have time to put in the winner of this weekend's games. We will announce the winner of this weekend's games in the Avalanche published Monday, December 30 (we are printing on Monday two weeks in a row because

of the holidays).

We will announce the winner of the final week and the overall contest winner in the first newspaper published in January (Wednesday, January 8).

Got that? Just get all the bonus point games right and the only thing you'll have to worry about is collecting prizes.

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4. Minnesota
5. Pittsburgh
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7. Houston
8. San Diego
9. New England
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12. Washington
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17. no
18. Buffalo (42) (5 pts)

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School Page

Grayling High School

(The following is a short story written by a student in David Glicker's Freshman Literature class at GHS.)

Jacob Lepsy

The Valley of Dreams

Forty years the king with his sons who were men now. They had fought single combat and won many honors. They had fought in battle and won distinction.

There was a great feast in honor of the eldest son's last victory. Ten stewards carried the meat to the king's table. Twenty others carried the quarters of the ox. The queen's ladies made bread that was as white as snow, and was scented with the autumn land. "Who shall have this castle?" asked the eldest son, emboldened by the wine.

"By the fair god, none of you!" said the king.

"How so?"

"Only the body of the queen along with mine shall live in this castle."

"That is a bad idea," said Amman, second eldest.

"On my word it will be that way."

"I shall have a castle!" exclaimed Michael.

"You shall have a castle. But not this one."

There was a heated argument and the sons were made to eat with their shield hands, a disgrace in their land.

The king's mind was made up. When he died he would be buried in the deepest room. The outer chambers would be filled with soil from the battle of Bardwin, the greatest battle in the history of their people. The fortress would become a huge mound in honor of the king. There would be one true way to the heart of the tomb,

where the king would be found. Only an honored knight, fierce and brave, could find the way, for it would be guarded by a behemoth.

In all of this only the youngest son, Scathach gave a thought for the queen.

"In all of this blood-earth," he said, "Where will the heart of our mother lie?"

"Unless my word dishonors me, where it falls!" said the lord.

"That is a cruel thought."

Oh, but the queen's heart was black. Nobody knew the reason, but some said it was just her nature. She hated all but her youngest son. With a mother's kiss of affection, she said this to Scathach: "When the time of my death has arrived, place it in a black coffin, and bury it in the court yard where the rain can saturate it."

"I shall make sure of it."

In ten years the eldest son Amman was given a massive fortress, built among rich birch trees. A thousand people live there and none complained.

The woods were filled with boars as huge as horses, and hares as huge as hounds.

For Michael there was a castle in the south of the land, known as Cambologwin, high and proud among dense oak woods. It was built on a hill surrounded by lush, green forests, and crystal clear waters, filled with huge, fat salmon. All of this was Arthur's alone.

But what of Scathach, the youngest son? At this time he was away at war,

fighting for the army of another king on a quest for riches in a great, black forest. When he returned home, his father hardly knew him. His scars were terrible, and a shadow loomed over him, although his beauty was the

same. But there were scars that couldn't be seen, and the youngest son was deeply wounded.

Now, when he saw his brother's castle in the forest of birch, and his other brother's castle in the forest of oak, he demanded his own castle. The king gave him a castle, but it was too draughty. The king offered him another, but it was haunted by strange spirits. The third castle was also refused, for it stood on the edge of a cliff.

As the son rejected all of these, the king flew into a fury and said, "Then you shall have no castle made of stone!"

And from that point forward, the son was made to eat with his shield hand.

Angrily, Scathach went to his mother. She reminded him of his promise to help haunt the king after her death. He had not forgotten. She sent him to a wise woman, and found a castle for him in the valley of dreams.

It was a dark castle in the center of a forest, hidden by a circle of gorges and

raging rivers. No army could take the

castle, man could live there without

going mad. But the son accepted it,

and traveled to the castle of glass,

climbed to the highest tower, where he

placed his white standard.

Many years passed, and in those

years the brothers would journey to

the gorge nearest to the castle and

could see the castle, and their sibling

at the hunt, chasing animals beyond

description, for they were born from

the minds of men and since they were

mad, they were mad creatures, madly

running. And as the youngest son

hunted, he madly screamed for help as

he ran.

FOURTH GRADE ARTISTS—Andrea Elmy, Angela McClain, Matt Eron, Kim Kasloski, Travis Okerman, Brian McCurdy, Terah Armstrong, Eddie Wilson, Tammy Wood, and Jeremiah Johnson (left to right), all students from Mrs. Wiltse's 4th grade class at Frederic Elementary, are shown with Joe Murphy of Grayling. The students helped illustrate his book of Christmas poems. The books are available at the Avalanche for \$5. All proceeds are being donated by Murphy to the community Christmas basket program.

Grayling Middle School

(The following is a play written in Mrs. Austin's 8th grade English class.)

Andy Ignash

The Living Dead

Characters

Andy Nash: A 15-year-old basketball player.

Steve McEverest: A 15-year-old red head who stands 6' and 190 lbs.

Ryan Sleighrider: Also 15 years old with brown hair who, along with Steve,

loves skateboarding.

Travis Weiner: A person who plays a small part in the play.

Zombies: Many people who have

died and come back to life to kill living

people, or animals, and eat them.

Narrator: Not actually a character

but a part in the play.

Narr.: The date is Feb. 8, 1993. The

place is a three story mall in Detroit,

Michigan. Somehow a zombie went

into the mall and started killing people.

Once the people were killed they were

infected by the virus that started the

whole thing, and also turned into

zombies.

These zombies are hideous undead

creatures. Their bodies corroding in

front of your face with hair falling out,

and skin peeling off.

It took approximately 1/2 hour for

everyone left in the mall to be turned

into a zombie. Everyone but four

people. The four people are: Travis

Weiner, Andy Nash, Ryan Sleighrider,

and Steve McEverest.

Once the police found out about this

incident they blocked off the exits so

no one could get in or out.

The story is true but the names have

been changed to protect the innocent.

Steve: What are we going to do?

Narr.: Steve asks Andy about the

zombies in the mall.

Andy: Don't worry, zombies only

attack when provoked or hungry.

Steve: Yea, but all you have to do is

get them angry is look at them the

wrong way and then they'll eat ya

alive.

Andy: Yo, don't worry if you get

attacked all you have to do is hit them

in the head or spine and you'll kill

them, for good.

Narr.: Steve and Andy are sitting

with Travis and Ryan at McDonalds

watching a zombie eat a McDonalds

hamburger flipper, just then the guy

comes back to life.

Andy: Aw [Andy says, about to

throw up]

Steve: Sick

Ryan: Gross

Travis: Dude

Narr.: The four teenagers respond

to the stomach wrenching scene. Then

the zombie attacks.

Andy: Let's kick some zombies!

Zombie: Food.

Travis: I think he thinks we're fast

food.

Narr.: Travis attacks the zombies

by throwing Chicken McNuggets at

them while Andy runs out of the

restaurant.

Travis: [Yelling] You coward Andy.

Narr.: Ryan, Travis, and Steve try

to fight the monsters. About 60 seconds

later Andy comes back with a machine gun, and bullets across his chest.

Narr.: Andy, Ryan, and Steve go to Meats-R-Us, on the third floor and get

something to eat. They are watching a

zombie eat a raw cow in the meat

cellar.

Ryan: Look at that. [Whispering]

Steve: Disgusting.

Narr.: The carcass of the cow comes

back to life, and starts squirming in

pain.

Steve: I've got an idea, I'll run up

and lock that dude in the meat locker.

Narr.: Steve locks the zombies in

the meat freezer.

Ryan: Look at all those zombies.

Narr.: Ryan points to a group of 70

to 100 zombies in the hall.

Andy: I wonder what they're talking

about?

Ryan: Since I'm smallest I'll run up

there and find out why they're here.

Narr.: Ryan runs up to the zombies

and returns.

Steve: What did they say?

Ryan: They're all gonna gang up

and hunt us down and kill us.

Andy: Let's go down stairs and

give those slimes one awesome fight.

Narr.: Andy, Ryan, and Steve go

downstairs to the first floor and prepare

for a fight.

Steve: Check out my weapons, I

took a lighter and hair spray and rigged

it up to my skateboard so when ever I

want flames will shoot out of my board.

For protection I'm putting on a hockey

mask and shin guards.

Ryan: I have a bow and a bunch of

arrows, on the arrows I taped bullets to

the end so when they hit something,

BOOM. I also got a ghoul mask for defense.

Andy: I have a few presents for

those guys. I have those grenades

from Ray's hunting goods. I set out

raw meat all over the place, and on the

Verse or Worse

By Joe Murphy

The Old Folk's Christmas

An old man sat before the blazing fire
Watching the dancing flame
And wondered how things could be so different
When a lot of things were just the same

He remembered sitting here on many Christmas Eves
Back in the days when his children were young
He got up and felt the little holes in the mantle
Where their Christmas stockings had hung

Now they were grown up with families to care for
And he and Molly were alone
But it seemed to him it wouldn't hurt to take a minute
To place a call on the telephone

They had even put up a Christmas tree
Hoping some of the grand kids would be there
To make Christmas seem like Christmas
But he guessed they didn't care

Molly had already gone to bed, saying she was tired
But he knew in his heart she was not asleep
She had simply wanted to be alone
So that he would not see her weep

He had got up to go to bed
When he heard the door bell ring
Then as he heard all those familiar voices
And it seemed his old heart began to sing

Get up Molly, the kids are here
But she was already running to the door
It was going to be a real Christmas after all
For the family was all together once more

Animals you can help



CATS AND KITTENS—The Crawford County Animal Shelter has all kinds and colors of cats and kittens, like this beautiful black kitten. If the shelter does not have the exact color you're looking for, they will take your name and telephone number and call you as soon as the desired cat or kitten is brought in. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday from 1-3 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pet Care Tip

PROTECT YOUR PET'S WATER SUPPLY. When your dog or cat's water freezes, your pet is up the creek, says the Animal Protection Institute of America. Also, during winter never give your pet water in a metal container. Use plastic. You know what happens when you run your tongue across metal in the cold.

The Memories Of Crawford County



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—front row: Ben Larson, Jackie LaGrow, Wally Muske, Rick Rohde, Brad Trenary. Second row: Jeff Stampfly, Matt Keir, Jim Barclay, Eddie Brown, Ray Ingalls. Back row: Theresa Merrill, Laurie Smith, Mandi Stillwagon, Robin Wooley, Lori Buccellato and Robin Jorgenson.

23 years ago December 19, 1968

The boys and girls of the Grayling Cooperative Nursery School portrayed the story of Christmas for their parents last Thursday, December 12, and Friday, December 13.

The Nursery school meets in the Michelson Methodist Church. The younger group (three and four year olds) meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The older group (three, four, and early five year olds) meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Four members of Boy Scout Troop 77 were given their First Class badges at the Kiwanis dinner held Monday, December 10. The boys are Mike Hall, Robert Yoder, Tom Stanton and Bernard Larson. Don Jansen made the presentation. Scoutmaster is Kenneth Carlisle.

These boys hope to become Star Scouts by April 1, so that they can attend the 7th National Jamboree camp July 16-22 at Farragut Park in Idaho. This National Jamboree occurs only once every four years.

More of Troop 77 hopes to make Star Scout by the deadline, as that is one requirement for attendance at the jamboree. Over 40,000 scouts are expected to attend the one in 1969.

Ann Marie Church of Grayling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Church, 308 Ottawa, will play the role of Mrs. Cratchit in the Theta Alpha Phi's production "Mr. Scrooge" at Adrian College.

The part is that of the wife of Bob Cratchit, Mr. Scrooge's head bookkeeper. Although not a major role, it is nonetheless significant, as Mrs.

The supervisors post will be new to Sorenson as he has been a member of that board representing the city for the past several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wert have sold their business, Wert's Lone Pine Inn, to John, Connie and Marilyn Stampfly. The new owners expect to begin operation on December 26.

Carroll and Sally Wert came to Grayling from Jonesville in 1947. Their first full year of operation of the Inn was 1948, making a full twenty years they have been in business here. They have not only done well in their line of work, but have successfully raised a family too. Carroll now plans to expand the wildlife photography which he has been enjoying as a hobby for the past several years. Otherwise they have no plans except to enjoy some leisure time for the present.

Besides having purchased the business, John and Connie Stampfly have purchased the Wert home, which is close by the Inn, and have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Wert.

Connie and Marilyn will be spending their time at the Inn which will continue under its present name, instead of being at the Southend Leonard Station as before.

46 years ago December 20, 1945

The two girls, who are leading in the free Christmas doll contest which Margot's is sponsoring are Toni Madsen and Nancy Wilcox. Other girls in the contest and still close enough to win are: Donna Perry, Sharon Hodgson, Joan Lennert, Marlene Jansen, Denise Sorenson, Nancy Hilton, Rita Sorenson, Jeanine Sorenson, Phyllis Milks and Nancy Cox.

Discharged today from the Army at the Fort Douglas Separation Center, under the adjusted service rating plan was S/Sgt. Max L. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson, Grayling. S/Sgt. Ferguson, who served 44 months in the USA Air Forces is authorized to wear the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, and American Theater Ribbon.

Sgt. Lacey D. Stephan of Grayling arrived home last Wednesday after receiving his discharge from the Army after serving 20 months of which seven were spent overseas.

The Fischer Hotel changed both owners and name last Thursday as the transfer of the hotel liquor license was returned by the State Liquor Commission. The hotel will be known from now on as Duke's Hotel. The new owners are Walter and Stanley Dudewicz. The two men were from Saginaw. Walter Dudewicz, known as Duke, will manage the establishment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Stillwagon and Mrs. Lewis Stillwagon and daughters, Martha and Maryda, enjoyed a few days last week with relatives and friends in Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade are leaving

for Toledo today where they will spend ten days as guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sharpe and family.

Mrs. Victor Williamson of Calumet visited her brother, Wesley Kumpula at Munson General Hospital in Traverse City last Thursday and Friday.

Of the 1,350 students enrolled at Central Michigan College, six are from Crawford County. From Frederic is James Payne. From Grayling are Everett Bidvia, Barbara Borchers, Eleonore Bugby, Virginia Charron, and Jack Perry.

Emil Giegling and Carl W. Johnson spent Friday in Saginaw on business.

The Roy Milnes and the Frank Bonds spent Saturday in Traverse City and called on Wesley Kumpula who is confined at Munson Hospital.

S/Sgt. Tom Brown arrived Sunday in Grayling. Tom has spent over two years in the South Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown.

Mrs. Robert Sorenson spent Friday in Bay City on business.

Mrs. Robert LaMotte left Friday for Detroit to meet her husband who had a two day furlough. She visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Carteau while there.

Mrs. Tom Wells returned to her home Friday after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Ward of Detroit. She was accompanied home by Miss Wanda Cardinal, who was enroute from Texas. Miss Cardinal plans to make an indefinite visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cardinal.

Miss Billyann Clippert is home from Michigan State College to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

Miss Cynthia Stephan was completely surprised last Wednesday when 12 of her friends were invited by her mother to help her celebrate her sixteenth birthday. The young people arrived at her home on the school bus and she came home later with her father, Lacey Stephan, who arrived in Grayling that afternoon after receiving his discharge from the army.

Donald P. Feldhauser has received his discharge from the Marines after three years and nine months service.

A. F. Gierke celebrated his 84th birthday last Saturday. His daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rasmussen of Marlette were here for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Jarmin have arrived from Boulder City, Nevada, to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jarmin and Mr. and Mrs. Roman Lietz and other relatives. Jarmin has to leave for Boulder City the day after Christmas but Mrs. Jarmin plans to make an extended visit.

**69 years ago
December 21, 1922**

Melvin Bates has sold his telephone business to Luther J. Reynolds of Flint who will take possession of the

Features

Your Horoscope

Forecast Period: December 22-December 28, 1991

ARIES Mar. 21-Apr. 19

There are those who need your help. Give generously of your time and efforts. 'Tis the season of giving.

TAURUS Apr. 20-May 20

A family member may try to disrupt the holiday spirit with sour grapes. Offer him/her a glass of wine, instead.

GEMINI May 21-June 20

Unite with office workers and divide the extra duties so that everyone can celebrate the holidays. Merry Christmas.

CANCER June 21-July 22

Turn to your faith to get you through the holidays. They may be depressing for a while, but you will make it through.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22

Surprise!!! You may find just what you need under the Christmas Tree, though it may not be what you want.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Miracles can and do happen, especially at this time of the year. It is time for one to come your way. Happy Holidays!

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Be careful about what you wish for — you may get it and more! Don't be surprised if Santa is more than generous.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Give yourself a Christmas gift and take time off for yourself. Burning the candle at both ends is not healthy.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21

A little romance during the holidays is just what you need. Give in to the spirit and have a very merry Christmas.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You may be away from those you love during the holidays — so spend time with one who is more lonely than you. You will be glad you did.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Happy Hanukkah! It is generosity that will enable others who are less fortunate to partake of the holiday spirit.

PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Do not become overly anxious regarding matters over which you have no control. Be at peace with yourself for a few days.

Weekend Crossword

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWER

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1	Male child								
4	Wapiti								
7	Indian greeting								
10	Loyal								
12	Reclined								
14	Lincoln								
15	Abominable snowman								
16	Italian river								
17	Fish eggs								
18	Snare								
20	Enswathed								
22	Foreigners								
24	Southern Methodist								
25	Fabrication								
26	Condensed moisture								
28	Gaze								
32	Otherwise								
34	Smear								
36	Frank								
38	Destilies								
39	Ortoliose								
41	Prince Edw. Island, Iln.								
42	Meadow								
43	Protect								
44	Exceeded								
45	Louise								
46	Eng. beer								
51	Middle, comb. form								
53	Journey								
56	Sheepfold								
57	Drive								
58	Wire loop								
59	Williams								
60	Labor								
61	Time period								

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The Bible Speaks

From The
Calvary Baptist Church

"America's Holy War"

"America's Holy War" was the cover story by Nancy Gibbs in the December 9, 1991, issue of *Time* magazine. Her subtitle read in part, "For the past generation, the courts have fenced God out of the country's public life..." Berkeley law professor Phillip Johnson was quoted saying, "Angela Davis, a communist, was the speaker at my son's high school graduation... People have to listen to the most heavy-handed dogmatism. Then suddenly the Constitution is violated if an agnostic hears the word of God. This is absurd. If we have to put up with things we don't agree with, why is only God excluded?"

Gibbs reminded us, "In this nation of spiritual paradoxes, it is legal to hang a picture in a public exhibit of a crucifix submerged in urine, or to utter virtually any conceivable blasphemy in a public place; it is not legal, the federal courts have ruled, to mention God reverently in a classroom, on a football field or at a commencement ceremony as part of a public prayer." Lawyer John Whithead, who

defended a 4th grade California girl who was rebuked by her teacher for wearing a cross on her necklace during school, is quoted as saying, "Society has been secularized, and the religious person finds he's the odd person out... In public schools, religion is something to be avoided, obsolete." Justice Clarence Thomas was quoted from 1985, "My mother says that when they took God out of the schools, the schools went to hell. She may be right." Dan Rodden, publisher of *Issues and Answers* was quoted saying, "In the schools today there is definitely a religious and philosophical bent that is anti-Christian. Little children, by the time they're in second grade, know that God is illegal."

Gibbs apparently attempted to present a balanced view of both the separationist and accommodationalist views on church and state relations. Yet, evidence from the testimony presented above illustrates to us all that the liberal court of the past 40 years went too far. Today, liberalism appears to be economically, morally and intellectually bankrupt. The *Time*/

CNN poll on Religion charted by Gibbs indicated that the vast majority of Americans agree it is time to respect God in our public life.

"Blessed [is] the nation whose God [is] the LORD;..." (PSA 33:12a). "Happy [is he] that [hath] the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope [is] in the LORD his God;" (PSA 146:5). "America's Holy War" will determine the moral, ethical, and spiritual values which will guide and guard our grandchildren in the 21st century. America owes her past blessings, present happiness, and future hope to the person honored in our national motto, "In God We Trust."

Pastor "B"

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Bits of Talk

by Fay Bovee

Amy LaGrow and Jayson Welser were in Florida during their mid-term break from Ferris State University. They visited Amy's Aunt Nora in Margate and also John Kraus who is working at Disney World during one of his college terms. They returned by way of South Carolina where they enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Tim and Amy (nee Denton) Pennie in Goose Creek. Tim is in the Marines and is stationed there.

Cards of thanks

I would like to thank Dr. Rosi and staff at Mercy Hospital, for the excellent care I received during my recent stay.

To all the clergy, friends and family, I would like to extend my appreciation and sincere thanks for your prayers, visits, cards and flowers. Your expressions of concern and friendship has meant very much to me. Thank you.

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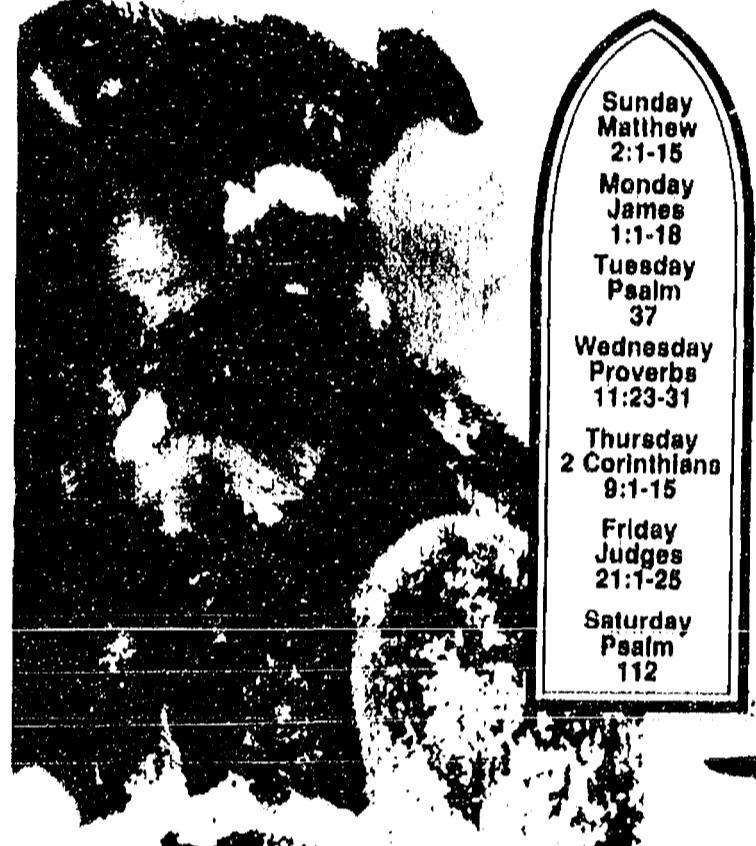
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Sunday Matthew 2:1-15
Monday James 1:1-18
Tuesday Psalm 37
Wednesday Proverbs 11:23-31
Thursday 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Friday Judges 21:1-25
Saturday Psalm 112

First Baptist Church Of Frederic
Rev. Jim Wright
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christ Missionary
Minister H.A. Hennig
4 Mi. East of Frederic
County Rd. 612
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship & Praise 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer, Bible Study 6 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. -- Suite 103 -- Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial
United Methodist Church
Minister Dr. Dennis N. Paulson
400 Michigan Ave.
Church School 11:15-12:15
Worship Services 10 a.m.
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.
Senior Choir(Thurs.) 7 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable in 1st building on the right off new entrance road.
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
Old 27 North, 701 Grayling Rd.
Church 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children Sessions 7 p.m.

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Jim Van Liere 348-7699
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical
Lutheran (ELCA)
Rev. Robert A. Gordon
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Summer Schedule May 26-Sept. 1
Worship 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal (Tue.) 7 p.m.
No Choir July & August

Reorganized Church
Of Jesus Christ
Of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Lacey Stephan, Jr.
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Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schasp
415 Ohio Nord.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Fr. Michael Conner - 348-7291
702 Peninsular - 348-7657
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.
Weekday Mass

Tuesday 8 a.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Confession Saturday 4 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St.
Houghton Lake
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School 11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) 7:30 p.m.

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Mid-Week Services

Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ... 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
Gordon French Minister
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.
348-8573

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Communion & Preaching 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.

Sunday School 9 a.m.

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ
with the Ellia Message
Pastor John E. Weaver
7652 Kelly Ave. - Frederic

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 7 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Don Brigham
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Sunday Morning 10 a.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor, David Mosman

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(517) 348-2557

Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

Ausable Valley Church Of God

Pastor, Marle Cox

6330 Johnson - Frederic

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Services 7 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Poduck Fellowship 2nd Sunday each month after morning service.

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Morning Service 11 a.m.

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Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

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Library News

At the Frederic Community Library the following have contributed to the Elsie Miljure memorial: Helma & Leo Post, Margaret Rogalle, Lee and Olive Kellogg, Art and Evelyn Keane, Ralph and Betty Lohnaugh and Merna and Ken Newberry. Her name has been placed on the memorial plaque and the book "Scarlett" has been dedicated in her memory.

For the Walter Desnoyers memorial, Gene and Mildred Barmer, Helma and Leo Post, and Ken and Merna Newberry have donated and his name

has been placed on the memorial plaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rozanski have donated to the Keith Brown memorial and the book "Draw" by Solga has been placed on our shelves for him. John and Juanita Potts donated for Charles Chapman. Their names have been placed on the memorial plaque.

If you would like to donate for a memorial, call the Frederic Community Library at 348-8778 for details.

Color or black-and-white photos

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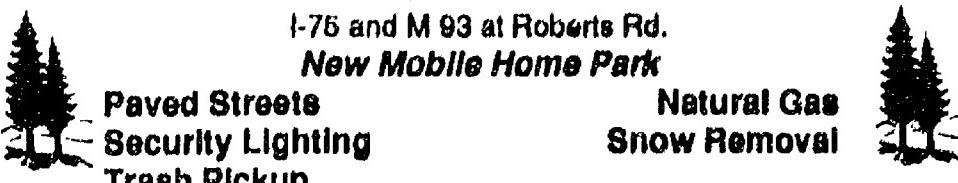
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Conservation district sponsors amateur photography contest

Amateur photographers of all ages have an opportunity to win awards in a photo contest sponsored by the Crawford-Roscommon Soil and Water Conservation District.

The contest is open to residents of Crawford and Roscommon counties. Categories are conservation, farming, forestry, landscaping/gardening, wildlife, and wetlands/shorelines.

Judging for a total of 18 prizes will be in three age groups. Photographers ages 13 and under may submit any size photo. Those in the 14-18 age category and adults must submit photos at least five by seven inches.

Entry forms and information are available at the district office, 409 Lake St., Roscommon, telephone 275-5231.

Lovells News

Mr. Lee Kellogg is a patient at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bretski are enjoying having their daughter and her husband and new grandson from Alaska over the holidays. Also their son and friend will be joining them.

Senior Citizens Day will be on Friday, December 20th, at the town hall. Blood pressures will be taken at 11:30 and dinner at 12.

Cheerful Givers Club will meet at the town hall on Friday at 7 p.m. There will be a gift exchange.

The Community Christmas party will be at the town hall on Saturday, December 21, starting with a potluck supper at 6:30. Later games will be enjoyed and a visit from Santa Claus.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be at the Chapel on Sunday, December 22, at 11 a.m. Plan to attend.

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Crawford County Road Commission

October 25, 1991 Minutes

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Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by EVERETT J. HOGAN, now deceased; and RODERICK L. HOGAN, a married man, of Post Office Box 383, Grayling, Michigan, 49738; MORTGAGORS and COMMUNICATIONS FAMILY CREDIT UNION, of 6640 Bay Road, Post Office Box 3285, Saginaw, Michigan, 48605, dated June 25, 1987, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on July 1, 1987, in Mortgage Liber 263 pages 343-344 of Mortgages, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice for principal, interest, and taxes the sum of One Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty One and 82/100 Dollars (\$183,361.82). And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made as provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on THURSDAY, January 17, 1992, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for said county, said Mortgage will be foreclosed at sale by public auction, to the highest bidder, of the said premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid on said Mortgage with interest thereon at 10.9 percent per annum, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows:

Property situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, to-wit:

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TOGETHER WITH an easement for the purpose of ingress and egress over a parcel described as commencing at the Northwest corner of Government Lot 3, Section 8, Township 26 North, Range 4 West; thence South 0°25' East on 1/4 line 665.0 feet; thence North 89°11' East 126.0 feet for place of beginning; thence South 39°25' East 50.0 feet; thence South 9°32' East 110.0 feet; thence South 52°13' East 40.0 feet; thence North 18°29' West 188.15 feet; thence South 89°11' West 246.0 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 8, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

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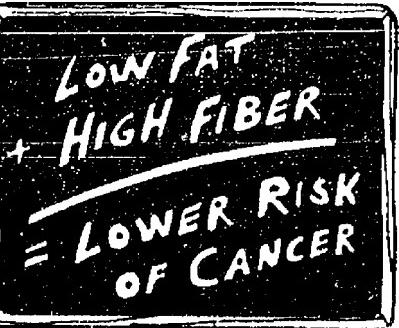
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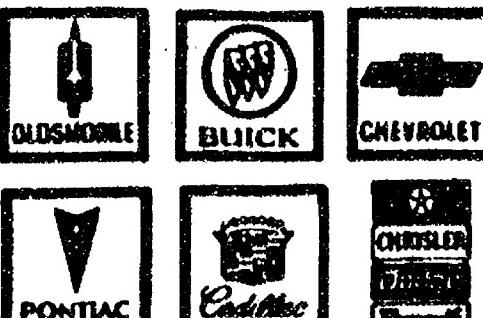
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County proposes tight budget

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1992, jumping from a projected total of \$65,266 in 1991 to \$153,680. Wakeley explained that the \$65,266 represented salary and other related expenses for only about three months after central dispatch moved from the Sheriff Dept.'s budget and became a separate department. The 1992 appropriations are for 12 months.

Commissioner Dennis Long said about \$40,000 of the central dispatch increase will cover the cost of operating the emergency 9-1-1 telephone system and pay for the additional full-time employees hired in 1991. Before central dispatch separated from the Sheriff Dept. there were three full-time and three part-time employees. Now central dispatch has five full-time employees.

"The difference between what the county budgeted for the Sheriff Dept. last year and what the proposed budget for central dispatch in 1992 is one heck of a bargain for this community," said Long. "Especially taking into consideration the importance of enhanced 9-1-1 to each and every citizen."

The projected 1991 totals (\$299,184) and proposed 1992 appropriations (\$289,616) for the county jail include several differences. The 1991 total includes nine months expenses for central dispatch for January through September. The 1992 budget proposal does not include central dispatch, but does reflect the expense for

two additional corrections officers and one upgraded position from the Sheriff Dept. budget, ordered by the Michigan Department of Corrections.

The Sheriff Dept. budget includes the replacement of one patrol car, instead of two requested by the Sheriff, because of the lack of funds.

Looking at the total picture, the (audited) Public Safety budget at the end of 1990 was \$843,018, the projected total for 1991 is \$981,980, and the proposed budget for 1992 is \$1,019,104, an increase of \$176,086 from 1990 to 1992.

Wakeley said fringe benefit expenses for county employees will increase again in 1992, with hospitalization costs estimated to go up 15%. In an effort to cut medical insurance costs, Wakeley said the county is looking at some alternatives to its current hospitalization program.

Commission chairman Robert McLachlan said he had hoped appropriations for operation of the airport would have been reinstated in the 1992 budget, but it was not. Commissioners cut the airport's 1991 appropriation of \$15,000 last October in an effort to trim the county's budget deficit of nearly \$150,000.

Wakeley said "tight, flat budgets" are always a concern because they are affected by the slightest adjustment in anticipated revenues, especially decreases. In order for commissioners to balance their 1991 budget, they used an additional \$115,000 from the

county's revolving fund. The county had already used \$200,000 from the fund to make up for lost Federal revenue sharing.

Dipping into the revolving fund has become the norm for the past several years as a means to balance the county's budget.

"Once the county builds these expenses into their budget they are needed the following year just to operate the county at the present level of services," said Wakeley. "In 1992, \$300,000 will be needed."

The "revolving fund" is the profit the county realizes from bonds it issues to pay for delinquent taxes. The county borrows money to cover delinquent taxes by issuing bonds. As the delinquent taxes plus interest are collected, these bonds are paid off over a three-year period. At the end of three years, Wakeley said there is usually more money collected than the cost of the bonds because of interest.

When the county first began issuing bonds for delinquent taxes, the intent was to have the interest build until there was enough money in the revolving fund that borrowing money for delinquent taxes would not be necessary, saving the county thousands of dollars. The loss of Federal revenue sharing hit the county budget hard, and to preserve the present level of services, it began taking \$200,000 each year from the revolving fund to make up the difference. Then a series of budget deficits were balanced also using the revolving fund. But now Wakeley said the revolving fund is almost broke, with only \$15,000 remaining.

Commissioner Dennis Long said he is confident that the county can live within its new budget comfortably.

"I'm comfortable with the budget process which included the ways and means committee, the county treasurer's office, and each department head," he said. "With a budget prepared in such a manner, it should be easy for departments heads to understand their budgets and what the limits of their budgets are. Taking into consideration such tough financial times, excluding unforeseen financial emergencies, it is a fair expectation that department heads will stay within their budgets," Long said.

County commissioners are expected to vote on a 1992 budget at their regular meeting on December 18.

Tough road ahead for drunk drivers

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may order convicted drivers to reimburse state and local governmental agencies for costs.

Penalties are getting tougher. For a second OUIL conviction, drinking drivers will serve 48 hours of consecutive jail time or perform 10 days of community service. Two new felonies have been created especially for drunk drivers. Convicted drunk drivers who cause a long-term, incapacitating injury to another will receive five years in jail. Convicted drivers who are drunk and kill another person, will receive a 15-year jail sentence.

Furthermore, drinking drivers failing or refusing to submit to a chemical test, will have their license destroyed by the arresting officer. Drivers convicted of possessing open intoxicants in their vehicles will be guilty of a misdemeanor and receive two points on their driver record. And, convicted drunk drivers will no longer be able to ask the court for temporary driving privileges due to hardships.

The average cost for a drunk driving conviction is about \$4,000 plus increased insurance (up to three times your current premium for a three-year period). Average costs include \$520 fine, \$3,000 in attorney fees, and \$125 reinstatement fee. Additional costs would be about \$250 for intervention programs, which would include alcohol screening as well as treatment or rehabilitation, and/or alcohol and safety classes.

Secretary of State Richard Austin says the new laws give a clear message — even one drink can impair your ability to drive and lead to your arrest. Select a designated driver ahead of time, someone who is not going to drink. Ask a friend for a ride, call a taxi, use public transportation or seek other help, he says.

In Michigan during 1990, 32,358 drivers had one or more convictions of Operating While Impaired. 20,501 drivers had one or more convictions of

Operating Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs. Of this latter number, 4,552 drivers were convicted of at least one combined OUIL/UBAL offense.

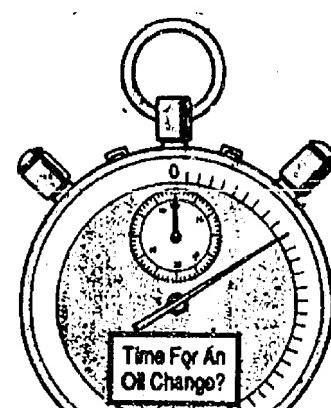
Seventy-two percent of drivers convicted of Operating While Impaired in 1990 were between the ages of 20 and 39. Seventy-five percent of those convicted of Operating Under the Influence of Liquor were also between the ages of 20 and 39.

The majority of drivers convicted of OUIL (83%), OUIL (90%), UBAL (86%), or Combined OUIL/UBAL (87%) in 1990 were male.

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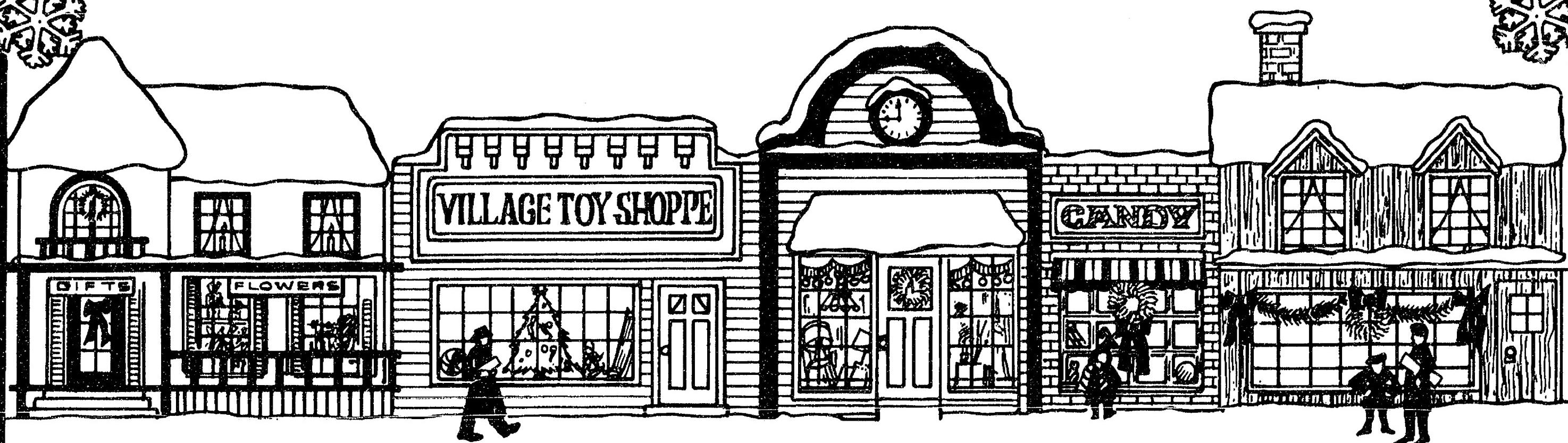
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